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*City Clerk.*



## CITY OF BOSTON.



PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 12, 1872.

*His Honor, William Gaston, Mayor of the City of Boston:*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

*Secretary of the Board of Trustees.*



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In conformity with the requirements of the fourth section of an Ordinance concerning the Public Library, passed September 21, 1869, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Twentieth Annual

REPORT,

being the third made under the new ordinance, and including the results of administration for the past year, in which the Library was opened for the use of the public during three hundred and eight days, a larger number than in any preceding year.

Herewith are appended the reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent.

The members of the Examining Committee were Daniel S. Curtis, Esq., Daniel S. Gilchrist, Esq., Jas. T. Fields, Esq., Dr. C. E. Buckingham, and John C. Ropes, Esq., — Weston Lewis, Esq., of the Board, acting as chairman.

The opinions of so intelligent a committee, exercising an impartial judgment upon the subjects submitted to them, will receive the attention to which they are entitled.

But by those who would fully comprehend the Public Library, alike in its theory and practical operation, the report of the Superintendent, and the documents accompanying it, must be carefully studied. Here may be found the biography of the Library during the past year. Here is the information in detail, important to all who are interested in the results of public libraries, as a branch of social science, and especially so to those men of fortune — and we hope there are many such — who may be contemplating the foundation of similar collections in other towns.

As is well known to all who have had occasion to visit the Library during the past year, extensive alterations have been made in Bates Hall, and are still going on. By means of these we have secured additional space for over 100,000 volumes, as well as increase of light. This latter is a very important consideration, especially in a city so crowded as ours, and where real estate, within certain limits, is so valuable, and in such demand for business purposes.

The Trustees cannot but feel a little uneasy in view of the possible destination of the estates adjacent on the east and west, which are in the market for sale. Should these estates be built upon in a way that sagacious self-interest would prompt, the result would be a very serious inconvenience in the darkening of rooms already hardly light enough for the purpose for which they are used.

More room is still much needed for the accommodation of the Patent Reports, the use of which is steadily increasing.

On the 16th day of May the South Boston Branch of the Library was formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, including an address by the permanent president of the Board of Trustees, Wm. W. Greenough, Esq., now temporarily absent on a visit to Europe. The books, about 4,500 in number, are arranged in rooms hired by the city. About 1,400 volumes, forming the nucleus of the collection, were furnished by the Mattapan Literary Association.

An agreement made with the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury will give the city a good building, now going up, and two or three thousand dollars a year for books, in addition to the ordinary appropriation by the city. The Roxbury Branch will be opened next winter.

The East Boston Branch is in successful operation. The present number of volumes is 6,767, and the circulation during the year has been about 75,000, showing that each volume would have been taken out more than ten times, were the circulation uniform, which of course is not the case in any circulating library.

The whole collection of books in the Central Library and the several Branches is now about 195,000 volumes. Of these about 14,000 were added during the past year, nearly 4,400 being gifts.

The daily average issue of books was 1,234.

The noise and confusion attending the work going on in the Central Library since last September have lessened the use of Bates Hall, and from the same causes, as well as from the diminished light occasioned by the scaffolding, the usefulness of the Reading room, during the same period, has been interfered with. The use of the Lower Hall has not suffered from these causes, but has rather increased during the past year. But the work still to be done in that department during the summer will probably lessen its usefulness somewhat, though much less than would be the case were the work done during the shortest days of winter.

Only one book in every 9,400 delivered for home use is not finally returned to the Library; a fact honorable to the community among whom the books circulate. And with hardly an exception such books as are ultimately lost are easily replaced, if need be.

The information required by the Ordinance to be given as to

the extent, circulation, and expenditures of the Library, will be found in the tables appended to the Superintendent's Report.

G. S. HILLARD,  
*President pro. tem.*  
WESTON LEWIS,  
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HERMAN D. BRADT,  
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FREDERICK PEASE.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 12, 1872.



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## REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

*CONSISTING OF WESTON LEWIS, ESQ., CHAIRMAN, C. E. BUCKINGHAM, M.D., DANIEL S. CURTIS, ESQ., JAMES T. FIELDS, ESQ., DANIEL S. GILCHRIST, ESQ., AND JOHN C. ROPES, ESQ.*



The Committee for 1872 appointed to examine the Boston Public Library have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report :—

The general condition of the buildings, of the books, and of the other contents of the Central and Branch Libraries is satisfactory, especially considering the nature and amount of use to which they are constantly subjected.

The recent alterations, and those projected for the further improvement of the Central Library Building, as far as they go, have the Committee's approval.

The system of administration in operation appears to have been elaborated with much care and patience, and no ascertained opportunity for amendment is neglected. From the data of its own experience compared with those of other libraries with which ours is in correspondence, are derived the means of gauging its performance. In this way progress is constantly made towards attaining a maximum of result at a minimum of cost and labor. The wise management of such an institution calls for a degree of intelligence and persevering industry on the part of those responsible for its working, which, we are persuaded, would surprise any casual

and superficial observer of its daily operation. This Committee has had ample opportunity, with every aid and explanation on the part of the Superintendent, to estimate the position and progress of the Library, and they are gratified to be able to say that these are highly satisfactory, and such as entitle the institution to the continued favor and support of the community.

Founded in 1852, the Boston Public Library now numbers nearly 194,000 volumes, holding the second rank among libraries in America. Many of the intelligent and liberal men who projected and advanced this noble enterprise have been denied the sight of its successful execution, but the permanent benefit conferred on a grateful posterity will ever be associated with their names and memory.

During the past year, ingenuity and expense have done something to remedy the original defects of the Library Building. We however apprehend that the time is rapidly coming when no expedients will suffice to keep the present building adequate to growing demands. Already the maximum of accommodation is reached. Light, ventilation, offices, work-rooms, all are wanting; and as books, readers and employes increase in numbers, the difficulty of expedients for their reception must also increase. In the face of such possible dead-lock as even one decade may bring, we urge the wisdom and the economy of seasonable foresight and action. We need but allude to the experience of the British Museum to justify fears of a like dilemma on a lesser scale.

As respects the circulation and use of the Library we are led to hope that among all classes may be developed an increased disposition to avail themselves of its advantages. That a library shall be useful, people must use it. Yet it is far easier to get books than readers. Many intelligent lovers of reading have yet to visit the Boston Library for the first time, and are still unaware of the value and of the *facility* of its privileges. The completeness of the collection in all

departments of Modern Literature, English and foreign, kept up by frequent importations of the newest works published abroad ; the best of about seven hundred periodicals, American and foreign, all perfectly accessible, would surprise and attract many who, never having visited the Library, have no idea of its contents. Perhaps an occasional advertisement in the public newspapers that such and such books, American, English, French, German, etc., have been received at the Library, relating to History, Science, Art, Biography or Travel, would bring readers to ask for them. Another benefit, we suggest, would be addressed to another class of readers, viz., those who ask "*what to read?*" Such advice in simple form, for distribution among schools, clerks and mechanics, would kindle or sustain many an aspiration for self-improvement, and would save those who " (in the words of Mr. Joshua Bates), "left to themselves, waste their time in railroad literature, chiefly American novels. These publications are doing immense mischief, and the rising generation will grow up destitute of positive knowledge."

We cannot compel young people to read good books, as Mr. Bates made his clerks read Law and Admiralty Reports ; and very many will read novels, or nothing. But if since Mr. Bates thus wrote, novels have gained more in numbers than in elevation of morals and style, we should be not *less* solicitous than he was to discourage their being read by young people. There can be little doubt but that modern sensational fiction, demanded and supplied in quantity, not only occupies the field to the exclusion of better reading, but, like other stimulants, perverts the natural taste, and destroys relish for plainer aliment. The late Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, in a letter to Rev. G. Cornish, says : —

"Childishness in boys, even of good abilities, seems to me to be a growing fault, and I do not know to what to ascribe it, except to the great number of existing books of amusement, like *Pickwick*, and *Nickleby*, *Bentley's Magazine*,

etc. These completely satisfy all the intellectual appetite of a boy, which is rarely very voracious, and leave him totally palled, not only for his regular work, which I could well excuse in comparison, but for good literature of all sorts, even for History and Poetry." \*

Boys will relish such writing as Irving's "Astoria" or Parkman's "Oregon Trail," as much as fantastic extravagances in Natural History or Adventure. In this sense, we regard with approval the paper compiled by Mr. Winsor, indicating such works of fiction as are based upon History, Biography and manners; an excellent step in the right direction, which we would gladly see followed by other similarly useful and popular hints for readers who ask, *what to read?*

What the Library does daily for the people is visible enough; but in connection with our system of education it has some less conspicuous uses, which, in a degree equal to their high importance, should influence the selection of books for purchase. We have schools, colleges, and institutes whose scope of instruction is necessarily limited by the period of time which our youth can afford to give to the numerous and varied branches of human knowledge. They enter upon active life with acquirements more general than exact, but also with capacity for development, desire for improvement, and habits of familiarity with books which should impel them towards that self-acquired education which justly ranks above all other. To such young men the Public Library should offer the means of pursuing advanced and extended courses of study on any topic or in any direction, even to carry out Mr. J. S. Mill's idea of a good education, which consists in "knowing all about one thing, and something about everything." We would desire that the whole structure of human knowledge, from foundation to summit, should be represented

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\* Life of Dr. Arnold by Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, p. 341.

upon the shelves of the Public Library of the capital of New England, and that however rapid the "advancement of learning," this institution be maintained at a standard of completeness indispensable to its credit and utility. In this new and busy country, where a class of professed scholars does not exist, those exceptional men who are able and willing to instruct others, whether by oral lectures or by published writings, ought to find at the Public Library full materials and ample facilities for study. Not only those who wish *to learn how to learn*, but also those who seek *to learn how to teach*, should be provided for. A merely provincial Library might well enough consist of elementary and popular books where few others would be called for or read; but it is our pride to assert that the day has long gone by when so little could satisfy either the needs of Boston, or our legitimate ambition to sustain a Library in all respects worthy of her intelligence and resources.

For the Committee,

DANIEL SARGENT CURTIS.

June 10, 1872.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the Trustees:* — GENTLEMEN, — I offer herewith my fifth Annual Report.

### I. THE BUILDINGS.

For many years the Annual Reports have dwelt on the insufficiency and unfitness of our Central Library Building. Its defects are radical and not to be remedied, but work has been done, and is now in progress, which will much improve it for administrative uses. The subdivision of the alcoves in the Bates Hall will increase its capacity by about 125,000 volumes, without extending the area over which the books must be sought for, — a great gain towards that rapid delivery of books which a Library should aim to establish, since nothing will more certainly build up a large circulation. This hall is unfortunately planned to produce the largest instead of the smallest average distance of books from the point of delivery, — a defect which requires some sacrifice of supposed architectural claims to avoid, and which, in consequence of the inability of architects and building committees to recognize the paramount demands of administrative uses over the meretricious attractions of vistas of books and displayed alcoves, has disfigured some of the more important and recently erected library buildings in this State and at the West. A central area, with surrounding alcoves, while admirably adapted to a Library of small use, where access to the

alcoves is free, is not at all fitted for a growing and popular collection, in which the conditions of use are entirely different. In the arrangement of the books in relation to the delivery, which has been adopted in our Branches, and with the better disposition of parts to arise from the construction of a new building for the Roxbury Branch, it is hoped that the practical advantages of an opposite plan will be satisfactorily proved. I have found in architects, when brought to an intelligent comprehension of the administrative requirements of a popular Library, an entire willingness to accept anew the first principle of all architecture, the primary adaptation of the building to its uses. A want of it, sanctioned under the mistaken plea of architectural effect, will inflict much trial of patience upon the public for all time, and necessitate with librarians a failure to do all that they would do. Books can be very compactly stowed, and a large number can be brought within a short radius. In the East Boston Library-room about 12,000 volumes can be got, all within reach of the hand, within a room seventeen feet by thirty-two, and at an average distance of twelve feet from the point of delivery. In a room at South Boston, twenty-seven feet by twenty-three, about 17,000 volumes can be stored, with an average of twelve feet, as to distance to be passed by the runner who brings the books to the desk. Librarians will know that upon about one-third of a collection — if it is constituted according to what is the experience of the most successful libraries — at least three-quarters of his circulation will fall, and in a library of 12,000 volumes, 4,000 of them can be got, within eight or ten feet of the desk, and the delay in fetching a book reduced to a minimum. The impatience of the public — not always unreasonable — and the physical endurance of the attendants should teach all who have to do with the planning of a library that these claims are incessant, while the fancied demands for architectural show rest on the most unsettled basis, if the others are ignored.

It was very fortunate that the alcoves of the Bates Hall were originally constructed of such width as admitted of the subdivision to which they have been subjected ; but not so fortunate that the altitude of them was too little by a few inches to allow an intermediate iron floor to be placed in each, by which the necessity for ladders would have been avoided, — one of the most serious inconveniences which a library can have. The introduction of light, so long needed, hardly requires commendation. The alcoves nearest the front of the Hall are still not as light as they should be ; and what is experienced in them now will belong to all the others on the western side, and ultimately to those on the eastern side, if the dwellings on the contiguous land give place to warehouses of the depth of the respective lots. This light above as well as in the lower parts of the building can never be made certain for the future, until the city owns these estates. The Reading-room is now rendered far less cheerful, and even less useful, than it might be from its present insufficiency of light.

The plan by which the Bates Hall is undergoing alteration was approved by the Trustees, July 12th, and their approval was transmitted to the City Council. It was hoped that during the summer the work would have far progressed ; but it was not until the 13th of September that the actual work of the contractors demanded the practical closing of the western alcoves. Mistakes and delays, arising in part from the unfavorableness of the season, made the work occupy nearly six months ; and it was not until March 8th that these alcoves were again thrown open to public use.

This new shelving on the western side rendered it possible to store there the surplus books, that could not be repacked in the temporarily diminished space of the alcoves on the other side of the Hall. The work of removing such books began March 27th. Those still remaining in the alcoves, though in some necessary disorder, were made accessible by



a temporary staging. More care was exercised in the construction of the temporary partition, behind which the work is going on, and the same annoyance from the penetration of lime dust has not been experienced, which rendered the work on the other side so needlessly annoying to the Library attendants and to the public, and so injurious to the books.

The projected changes in the Lower Hall have not yet been begun. The plan was approved by the trustees March 1, 1872. They afford two large rooms and six small ones, sufficiently lighted, with their floors on the level of the old gallery of that hall. In these the cabinets which were placed in the alcoves of the Bates Hall will be put, and the necessary work of the Lower Hall will be done, while the shelving which will still remain can be considered as adding very largely to the capacity of the Bates Hall. The loss of this shelving to the Lower Hall is to be made good by sub-dividing its alcoves, on the main floor, and by otherwise occupying the floor spaces for cases. The administrative gain will result from the books being thus made far more accessible than before.

These changes, which strongly indicate the abiding of the Central Library in its present site, must also lead to others at a no very distant future, such as an addition to the building in the rear, which shall contain a juvenile Library and Reading-room, with an entrance on Van Rensselaer place, whereby the main entrance and the front hall, may be at certain hours relieved from the crowds of youths of both sexes, which curtail the privileges of adults very materially. Additional accommodations for the bindery, for the newspaper room, for the working rooms, for official apartments, and for special collections ought also to be found in this prospective addition, which, extending laterally, can have windows overlooking a green towards the Common, if the adjacent estates are joined to the Library lot.

## II. ADMINISTRATION.

### 1. LIBRARY SERVICE.

The present divisions of the service, with the addition of the South Boston Department, are given in Appendix XXI, where the figures are fully explained.

### 2. EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

The alterations in the Bates Hall have rendered it impossible to conduct the examination of that department with the usual detail. Only the alcoves that have now been completed have been examined, and with what result the report of the Custodian in Appendix XXII will show. It also embodies the first report upon the East Boston Branch. The irregularities do not seem to be in excess of what may reasonably be expected, as explained in previous reports.

### 3. REGISTRATION OF APPLICANTS.

The same system, as explained in the last report, in connection with the East Boston Branch, has now been applied to the South Boston Branch. I refer to Appendix XII, where the figures are fully explained.

### 4. SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

The rooms in the new Savings Bank Building, in Broadway, were proffered by the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council, and being approved by a Committee of the Trustees, they were hired by the City during the winter, and finished as was desired. Contracts were made for the shelving and other fixtures, and the rooms were in a state of readiness on the first of April for the contractor to put this work in place.

As soon as it became evident that a Branch was to be established in South Boston, the Mattapan Literary Association voted to make over their collection of books, which

proved a very good one for the purpose, and they were received at the Central Library, Jan. 15th, 1872. The collection numbered 1,470 volumes, a very small part of which were assigned to the Bates Hall as a fitter repository for them. The work of cataloguing the remainder began at once, and as the work proceeded, and it became evident what desirable books the collection did not contain, purchases began, under a special contract with the Library agents, Messrs. Lee and Shepard, though a small part of the purchases came through our agencies for Europe. It was possible to anticipate the appropriation, which was not to become available until May 1st, because of a special authorization from the City Council to expend not over \$5,000 on account of any subsequent appropriation. This anticipatory action has rendered it possible to open this Branch some six months earlier than was possible at East Boston in the year of that Branch's establishment.

As soon as the shelving and other furniture was in place, we had 4,350 volumes in the Art Room of the Central Library, all prepared for the shelves. They were removed to the Branch on the tenth of April; and after they had been put in the places to which each volume had already been assigned, according to prepared plans of the shelving, the work of verifying the catalogue and writing up the shelf-lists began. There was some delay in opening the Reading-room, on account of the condition of the entrance hall; but on the 22d this department was opened. As soon as a few strips of the catalogue had been received from the printer, everything was in readiness for delivering books, which began on the first of May.

#### 5. ROXBURY BRANCH.

I refer to Appendix XXV for the agreement entered into between the City and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum of Roxbury, by which the resources of that institution

are made available towards the foundation and increase of a new Branch, in addition to the appropriations to be made for that purpose by the City Council. The terms of the contract are in some measure modified by another agreement, which forms a part of the same Appendix. In anticipation of the completion of the building, the erection of which by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum has already been begun on Bartlett street, a collection of books destined for it will be gathered the coming summer.

### III. THE BOOKS.

#### 1. EXTENT OF THE COLLECTIONS.

The several departments now hold 194,000 volumes, giving us still the second place for size among the Libraries of the country. For the divisions of the number among our various departments, I refer to Appendix I.

#### 2. INCREASE.

We have added nearly 14,000 volumes, which is nearly double the annual increase for the nine years preceding the exceptional increase of last year. In addition to this we enumerate a growth of the pamphlet collection by nearly 11,000.

The gain in the several departments is shown in Appendix V. The gain in the popular departments, owing to the foundation of the new Branch, is about equal to the increase of the Bates Hall.

Of the entire gain 5,744 books were such as were *newly published*, of which 3,642 were of American publication, including reprints.

#### 3. GIFTS.

It appears by Appendix IX that six hundred and ten persons, besides a few whose names are not known, have given

4,349 volumes and 5,831 pamphlets. Among the most important donations was a valuable collection of books on military science, which came from the venerable General Sylvanus Thayer to supplement the good collection which we already had, and which had been largely selected with General Thayer's advice. The largest gift was that from the Mattapan Literary Association, which formed the nucleus of the South Boston Branch.

The most noteworthy gift of the year is that of an original portrait of Franklin by Grenze, which forms a fit pendant to the one painted by Duplessis, and heretofore presented to the Library by the Hon. Edward Brooks. There is no mention, in any of Franklin's printed writings, of his sitting to Grenze; but its authenticity is not questioned, in view of the direct testimony to its history which is mentioned in Mr. Gardner Brewer's letter making gift of it, and in the interesting paper by the Hon. Charles Sumner, which is appended to the letter in Appendix XXVI. The first public mention of the existence of this portrait was made by Sir George Cornwall Lewis, in the *Edinburgh Review*, in 1854, when it was said to be in the possession of Mr. Joseph Parkes, of London, and this gentleman, in 1860, when selling it to Mr. Brewer, wrote as follows:—

"I am better content that it should be placed in Boston than in England; and as I told Sumner, it was my wish, even if a higher price in England was offered me. . . . It never was in any possession except his [the late Mr. Oswald's] grand uncle's, — an ambassador in Paris for whom it was painted, — his son or nephew, and the late Mr. Oswald, the M. P. for Glasgow. He inherited it, and was its donor to me. It never was in any sale or offered by me to any one, — only mentioned by me to Sumner as a picture I would sell for proper ownership or a U. S. Public Institution. It ought to be in your State."

Late in the year it became known that Professor Treadwell,

of Cambridge, had bequeathed to the Library a portion of his estate, to be paid over upon the death of his widow. In Appendix XXVII will be found explanatory extracts from the will and from the proceedings of the Trustees and of the City Council.

#### 4. SHELF DUPLICATES.

We still duplicate largely in the Lower Hall. While 1091 new books have been placed there, in 894 cases duplicates were added, and of the 629 condemned books replaced, most of them were also duplicates. See Appendixes V and VIII.

#### 5. SALE DUPLICATES.

There has been a net increase of 360 volumes in the Duplicate Room, making the total 7,314. See Appendixes IV and V.

#### 6. PAMPHLETS.

Over 100,000 pamphlets have now been added to the Library in twenty years, and double the average number was added during the past year.

#### 7. PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

The appropriation by the City Council and the income of our Funds have enabled us to buy 9,359 volumes during the year. A few insignificant additions have been made with the income of the Ticknor Fund, the catalogue of the Ticknor Library not being yet far enough advanced to enable us to buy a large extent, without the risk of duplicating what it has already. Among our foreign agencies, the re-establishment of our French agent in Paris is to be noted; and though we are now in regular receipt of French books, the condition of the French binderies does not yet seem to have been restored to such a state as will ensure the careful work which used to be given us.

Appendix XIII shows an increased promptness in securing books that have been ordered at the request of readers ; and that the number of books recommended is less than last year follows upon the partial disuse of the Bates Hall, during the progress of alterations. Nevertheless, nearly 1,600 titles were recommended during the year.

One of the vexations of librarians arises from the irregularities of serial issues, both of periodicals and of sets. A certain percentage of delays and failure is almost inevitable, and with a list like our own, amounting to many hundred separate subscriptions,—counting those received directly in the Bates Hall for the shelves, as well as those which have an earlier stage of use in the Reading-room, — every month necessitates more or less correspondence to ascertain the reasons for delays. With books issued in numbers, or by volumes, the difficulty is increased, as the intervals of periodicity are so irregular ; and more or less failure to get promptly or not at all the last consecutive issue is hardly to be avoided. When this annoyance is added to the other one, that books issued in this way occasion an increase of labor in preparing them for the shelves, almost in proportion to the number of parts, as each is treated separately in many respects, it is very clear that in a library, where the detail is necessarily laborious, the subscription to such books is always an irksome self-denial to the librarian. It is possible that the difficulties may be somewhat regulated by system, and to this end blanks have been of late prepared, which are sent to such periodicals as are overdue ; and the ordering clerk is instructed to report deficiencies as they come to her knowledge in adding new numbers or volumes to sets on the shelves. In order to rectify the omissions of the past, the Custodian of the shelves has carefully examined the shelf-lists of the Bates Hall, and made reports on 291 periodicals, which are not complete, — no account, however, has been taken of very broken series, which have been added by

chance donations, — and on 190 sets of books, which are more or less imperfect. Orders to supply these deficiencies will be gradually despatched during the coming year.

#### 8. BINDERY.

The bindery of Jerome Seidensticker still does almost all the binding we have done for Lower Hall books, and for volumes of periodicals, when removed from the Reading Room. The schedules show an aggregate of 3,219 volumes for the year.

The bindery of Theodore Jackson is only used for binding newspapers.

To the bindery in the basement of the Central Library, now under the charge of Mr. Peter Low, almost all our Bates Hall books are sent, and the very miscellaneous work turned out by its force will appear from the following table : —

Bates Hall books bound and finished, . . .	2,219
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches, . . .	1,015
Books repaired, . . . . .	396
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in	
Lower Hall and Branches, . . . . .	490
Maps dissected and mounted, . . . . .	47
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted, . . . . .	212
Pamphlet cases, . . . . .	546
Portfolios, . . . . .	5
Removable covers for catalogues, . . . . .	266
Maps mounted, bound and bordered, . . . . .	54
Hours of miscellaneous work, . . . . .	1,842

### IV. CIRCULATION.

#### 1. USE OF THE LIBRARIES.

The Libraries have been kept open one day more than ever before, or 308 days, and the daily average circulation has



been nearly a third more than last year, or 1,234. If East Boston be excluded, we have still, notwithstanding the diminished use of the Bates Hall, on account of the progress of alteration, a larger daily average than ever before, namely, 988; for the gain in the issues for the Lower Hall is 23,136, while the loss in the Bates Hall is 14,954. The figures for East Boston, giving 75,846 instead of 26,130 (as the last figures only embraced a few months), further increase the grand total of 380,343, which is nearly 60,000 in excess of last year's. The largest use of the Central Library in one day (March 16) is, notwithstanding the deficit in the Bates Hall, nearly as large as last year's, being 1,848 against 1,856. The increase of reference use over home use, which the Bates Hall showed last year, is apparent again this year. March and August still retain, respectively, the heaviest and lightest use by months, the August use being about 68 per cent. of that for March. See Appendixes X and XI.

## 2. BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS AND READINGS.

I need only remark of the table in Appendix VII, that a special class for the literature of Spain and Portugal appears for the first time, embracing 558 volumes belonging to the General Library, and 2,765 of the 3,907 volumes that make up the Ticknor Library, as now arranged, or a total in this class of 3,425 volumes. The table will show how the remaining 1,142 volumes of the Ticknor Library are divided among classes independent of pure literature and history.

The percentage given for the different classes of reading of the Bates Hall in Appendix XIV, shows variations from last year, easily explained by the anomalous condition in which this department has been during the year.

## 3. CLASSIFICATIONS AND READING OF THE POPULAR DEPARTMENTS.

The proportion going to make up the character of our Lower Hall collection remains from year to year much the

same, from its natural growth, and the due regard paid to the wants of readers and the proportionate numerical importance of different classes of publications. An examination of Appendix VIII makes this apparent.

By Appendix XV it will be seen that there is an almost unappreciable diminution in the percentage of prose fiction drawn for reading. Still, over eighty per cent. of the use of the Lower Hall may be safely set down to the use of works of the imagination, in every department of its range ; and the results are not different at the East Boston Branch, as can be reckoned from Appendix XVI.

#### 4. PERIODICAL READING-ROOMS.

The same cause which has diminished the use of the Bates Hall has in some degree affected the use of the Central Reading-room, as the apartment has been more or less darkened from the scaffolding on the exterior, and its frequenters have experienced unusual noise and dust. The daily average issue of magazines, which last year was 792, has fallen for this year to 740. The large use of the Reading-room at East Boston reported last year arose from the novelty of its first opening, and from the dependence placed upon it for reading before the books were put in circulation. The issues there for twelve months are accordingly but little in excess of those for five months last year, but these five were naturally the heaviest ones of the year. From these causes the average daily issues from both Reading-rooms has fallen from 992 to 825.

The table in Appendix XVII will also show that fifteen new magazines have been added to the Central Room, and nine to the East Boston Room, making the total of the first 389 and of the latter 37 ; while 80 duplicates swell the grand total of the two rooms to 506.

## 5. LOSSES AND DELINQUENTS.

On a circulation for home use of about 346,000 volumes, it will be again seen by Appendix XIX that the proportion of delinquents is regularly maintained from year to year. Last year one borrower in fifteen had to be notified, and the figures stand the same this year; and it is even more remarkable that one borrower in 348 both this year and last had to be sought by messenger for the recovery of the book charged to him. Last year we finally recovered all the books that were taken from the Library except one in 7,531, and this year it is one in 9,351 for the entire Library, and one in 3,860 for the Bates Hall, and one in 8,001 for the Lower Hall, while not one was lost out of the 75,000 delivered at the East Boston Branch, — a remarkable instance of the safety of circulation without guaranty.

Other particulars in the same Appendix will indicate the wear and tear of the popular departments, as for instance the condemning of 872 volumes, and the putting on of nearly 82,000 paper covers.

It will be seen that the delinquents who require mail notices make a charge upon the Library of about \$1,100 — no inconsiderable sum. Of this about \$500 is for postage, notices to Dorchester still requiring three cents. Action by Congress establishing a postal card system, with a cent for the postage, will materially reduce this cost. The card system without the reduction of postage has been introduced in the sending of these notices in this Library during the past few months, at a saving of fifty per cent. on the cost of printing, paper and envelopes, under the old system.

Under the law, approved May 16, 1867, for the protection of libraries from the mutilation of books, it was found difficult to secure a conviction. The evil being one of considerable magnitude, the Hon. Ellis W. Morton was requested by the Board to represent the interests of the Library at the

State House, and the result was the passage of an act which became a law March 26, by which "whoever wilfully and maliciously or wantonly and without cause" commits such an offence, is rendered liable to a fine of from five to fifty dollars, or to imprisonment not exceeding six months. It is very desirable for its salutary effect that a few convictions should be got under this amended law.

## V. CATALOGUES.

### 1. BATES HALL.

An important change has taken place in the management of our catalogue. Thirty years ago the British Museum abandoned the plan of a printed catalogue. The Bodleian has not printed any since 1859, and does not intend to do so hereafter. Dr. Pertz, the Librarian of the Royal Library of Berlin, and other of the chief bibliographical authorities of the continent, are likewise united in the view that such printing in a large and rapidly growing library is impracticable, both from the expense, and from the constant reduplication of alphabets, which will in not a long time become very burdensome to examine, with the necessity of turning to one from another. It has always been felt that our Library might in time find itself in the same circumstances with the older libraries of Europe, but when our repeated efforts during the last four or five years to begin on a new volume of the Bates Hall Catalogue have been as repeatedly thwarted by the increasing detail of this department, arising from ramifications and a rapid growth, it has become more and more apparent that the contingency was not so far removed as it had been felt to be. At the rate of growth which the Library is now maintaining, we should have found after increasing the force of this department for the purpose of adding the proof-reading of a new volume to its other work, that its completion would only have been the signal for a repetition of all the

labor, upon the material which had accumulated while the other was going through the press. This would be equivalent to adding largely to our permanent force, besides entailing a heavy cost for printing.

While the use of a catalogue in print is vastly more convenient than the best in manuscript, and while our printed volumes may be of great advantage in other libraries, and to a few students who possess them, it is very apparent from observation that the great bulk of users of the Bates Hall are in search of the newer books, which cannot be found in printed catalogues, or else they find it more convenient to consult the catalogues in the building than elsewhere. Any deprivation which would ensue from the abandonment of printing the catalogues in volumes was likely therefore to fall upon distant libraries and a very few persons, not always among those who assist in supporting the institution. There was to be other gain than economy in making the change, and that consisted largely in massing in one alphabet an index to the stores of the entire Library; and it was not felt, moreover, to be necessary to give up the advantages of print.

In some correspondence with the Librarian of the University of Leyden, it had been learned that they used a *printed card catalogue*, uniting the marked advantages of both systems. Their titles were set up in the order of accession and printed in sheets, one hundred and fifty titles at a time, on thin paper; and then being cut out and pasted in different records, they made up their catalogue of accessions; their alcove lists; the public alphabetical catalogue; the same for official use; and a systematic catalogue. It seemed that in this plan there was a solution of our difficulties. The multiplication of titles by print promised much saving of clerical labor, with fewer chances of error, and was capable of developing a great variety of use by the mere labor of assortment. It had been found at the British Museum that their augmen-

tation of copies by the carbon process, which yields only four transcripts, allowed them no chance of adding variety to their catalogues in the way of different systems, suited to varied wants in the users of the collections. Their small reserve of copies of titles for replacing those worn out prevented any more systematic use of them than a simple alphabetical catalogue, to which they might add an index in the case of important articles like Shakespeare and the Bible. In a catalogue that now numbers about 1,900 folio volumes, and is expanding so rapidly that a binding force is constantly at work interleaving and re-guarding, there is some danger that in no long time this reserve, with the constant wear, will not be enough. The dilemma we believe is recognized by the authorities of that Library; but no change is yet made in their processes.

Taking then the idea indicated by the practice at Leyden, and after some experimenting with printing directly upon cards, and in establishing the form of the title, a method has finally been worked out which seems to meet every requirement. The cataloguer, having prepared his title, indicates the cross references, and then draws his pen through them, to guard against the compositor's setting them up. A day's accumulation of such slips goes to the printer at night, and comes back in the shape of printed strips, several copies being returned, one of which is corrected and sent back. One of such strips is posted at once on a bulletin-board, showing the freshest books, and another is scanned for books known to be of interest to specialists, to whom the title thus printed is despatched. About one hundred titles are enough for a form, which is then printed on thin paper, and ordinarily about thirty copies of each sheet are printed, though more are struck off in special instances, one or two hundred being sometimes the number, when a form is made up of titles of pamphlet volumes, with contents, or other works requiring a larger number of cross-references,—the object being to

provide enough copies of such titles to supply all the entries in duplicate (the public and official catalogues being kept up independently, for convenience and as a necessary check) and to furnish a reserve for future contingencies.

To each title is appended, beside the shelf number, the accession number, the number of the sheet in which it is printed, and to some the letter B, to indicate such as are to be made to reappear in the quarterly bulletins. The sheet number is a clue at once to the pigeon-hole in which the reserve titles are kept. By referring to the cross-references on the printer's "copy" of such titles, the attendant knows just how many copies to cut out of the sheet for each title, and just what headings to give them. These are pasted on cards and rolled smooth; and the cards are then put in their proper places in both the public and official catalogues.

The reserve of copies renders it of course possible to arrange by assortment any special alphabetical or systematic catalogue, as may be required of the medical or any other department of the Library; and in the case of any special collection, like the Ticknor Library, they afford ready-made "copy" for a separate volume. Indeed, while abandoning the printing of volumes of the General Library of the Bates Hall, it is not at all improbable that the publication of special catalogues, in departments for which we may from time to time become known, will follow.

To perfect the system indicated by this description, the work is not by any means to be confined to the entry of titles of books yet to be acquired. It is hoped gradually to embody in this one alphabet, not only all previous additions to the Bates Hall, with all their cross-references; but also the titles of the Lower Hall Collection, so that it shall represent the entire Central Library. It is not likely that the Branches, except in very rare instances, will contain any books not to be found in the Boylston street Building. Work was begun in this direction with the Prince Catalogue,

the titles and cross-references from which have been put upon cards, and are already inserted; and progress is making on the printed bulletins, proceeding backwards from No. 19. It must be long before this work is entirely done, so as to include the titles of the two printed volumes.

This new system was begun on the first of October, and up to this time there have been printed 39 sheets, beside 2 extra ones, covering the titles and contents of pamphlet volumes. This gives a total of 3,840 titles, and has necessitated 10,396 entries on the cards in each catalogue, or counting the triplication of the titles in the Ticknor Library, — another set being made to constitute a special catalogue of this collection, — we have a record of nearly 21,000 cards, prepared in six months, an extent of manual labor in mounting, inscribing and assorting, that has severely taxed the faithful Curator of the Card Catalogues, and the assistants who have aided her.

## 2. LOWER HALL AND BRANCHES.

The system of printed lists of books for the popular departments of the Library is not affected by the new arrangements for the Bates Hall. The fifth edition of the Lower Hall Class List for Fiction and Juveniles was issued in August, and the second edition of that for the Arts, Sciences and Professions in September; and in these a new style of page, more economical as well as more handsome, was adopted. The first edition of the List for History and Politics, and that for Travel and Biography, has been for some time exhausted, beyond what is necessary for use in the building, and a great deal of labor has been expended in preparing a new Class List, which would unite the two, their subjects being too far interlinked for successful treatment independently. This catalogue, which will shortly be put to press, promises to be very large, and as inconvenience has been experienced from the absence of the place and date of



publication in connection with the titles, these particulars have been restored. A more extensive system of cross-references, and a brief indication — in case of biographies — of who the subject was, is also to be introduced. A new edition of the Index to Historical Fiction is likewise in preparation. Since January, the collection for the South Boston Branch has been catalogued, and the printing of the list is now in progress.

### 3. BULLETINS.

Four (Nos. 18 to 21) have been printed, covering about 4000 titles. Since the first printing, in October, of the broad-sides of titles for the card catalogue we have reserved a selection of the titles contained in them as "copy" for the Bulletin; which has proved a gain in accuracy, and a saving of expense for corrections of type. Out of the 3,840 titles mentioned above, 2,152 were considered important enough for reproduction in the Bulletins, which establishes a ratio very nearly of two in every three.

During the year a list of the portraits in the Tosti Engravings has been printed; and a further instalment of the list of other prints was given in the Bulletin for April. With that for October (No. 19) the first volume of the Bulletins was brought to an end.

### VI. FINANCE.

In Appendix XX will be found the usual financial statement.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,  
*Superintendent.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 9, 1872.



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## APPENDIX I.

## EXTENT AND INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.							YEARLY INCREASE.							
Years.	Volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.	Rates Hall.	Lower Hall.	E. Boston Branch.	S. Boston Branch.	Duplicate Room.	Increase. (No. after 1871.)		Donations. (See App. IX.)		Purchases including those charged to funds.		Donors, excluding anonymous.
								Vols.	Pamphls.	Vols.	Pamphls.	Vols.	Pamphls.	
1852-53	9,688	961	...	...	...	...	...	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	...	75
1853-54	16,221	3,950	...	...	...	...	...	6,553	2,489	2,152	2,989	4,381	...	105
1854-55	22,617	6,507	...	...	...	...	...	6,396	2,557	2,063	2,468	3,733	89	153
1855-56	28,080	12,586	...	...	...	...	...	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,390	3,595	549	126
1856-57	34,846	16,653	...	...	...	...	...	6,816	3,667	1,686	3,646	5,120	21	132
1857-58	70,851	17,998	...	...	...	...	...	125,555	1,885	30,214	1,885	5,741	...	381
1858-59	78,043	19,255	...	15,819	...	...	1,894	7,192	1,317	3,465	1,317	3,787	...	247
1859-60	85,462	20,707	...	17,090	...	...	1,804	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	...	207
1860-61	97,386	27,381	...	19,161	...	...	3,008	\$16,948	6,674	12,270	6,674	4,649	18	242
1861-62	105,634	28,874	...	20,881	...	...	4,794	7,391	1,493	1,974	1,493	6,117	...	234
1862-63	110,563	31,043	...	22,525	...	...	5,297	5,529	2,169	829	1,658	4,700	212	194
1863-64	116,934	31,897	...	23,592	...	...	5,116	6,226	2,939	1,681	2,772	5,145	167	219
1864-65	123,016	32,555	...	24,800	...	...	4,984	6,982	1,516	804	1,926	5,178	499	328
1865-66	130,678	35,596	...	25,366	...	...	5,141	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	336
1866-67	136,080	44,443	...	25,735	...	...	5,146	5,303	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	300
1867-68	144,092	47,254	...	26,006	...	...	5,805	7,673	2,811	1,564	2,513	6,396	298	342
1868-69	152,796	61,177	...	26,723	...	...	6,106	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,929	649
1869-70†	160,573	74,770	...	29,906	...	...	6,245	7,775	13,303	1,646	10,228	6,129	3,355	666
1870-71	179,250	89,746	...	30,574	5,936	...	*6,954	†18,060	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	604
1871-72	192,958	109,583	...	31,827	6,767	4,365	*7,314	13,708	10,637	4,349	5,821	9,350	4,896	610

\* Actual count. † Nine months. ‡ Of these, 24,618 were the Bates gift. § Of these, 11,751 were the Parker bequest. || Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. ¶ Including 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association.

NOTE.—The aggregate of pamphlets “added from the beginning” includes of course many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among our pamphlets held for exchange.

## APPENDIX II.

## EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
The General Library . . . . .	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709
Bowditch Library* . . . . .	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library* . . . . .	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721	11,721
“ Duplicates (not for sale)† . . .	186	186	186	186	186	186
Prince Library . . . . .	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970
Ticknor Library . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,774	\$3,907
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located at the end of the year . . . . .	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651
	105,735	111,681	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686
Condemned . . . . .	.....	.....	2	0	0	1
Total . . . . .	.....	.....	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685

\* See Appendix VII.

† Including 18 vols. of MSS.

‡ Boxed and stored in the basement.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS. as bound. When received they were mostly in stitched brochures, several of which are now bound in one volume. The remainder of the difference between the present year's figures and those for last has arisen from some discrepancy last year in the count of pamphlets destined for volumes.

NOTE. — Something less than 100 volumes have probably been lost from the Bates Hall since 1861, and each year some reappear, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little; so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

## APPENDIX III.

## EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Reported the preceding year . . . . .		25,199	26,606	28,723	29,900	30,574
Added during the year . . . . .		2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614
Total . . . . .		27,202	29,075	30,140	32,680	33,188
Books transferred to Bates Hall . . . . .		339	93	19	23	7
Books transferred to Branches . . . . .					†859	535
Condemned during the year . . . . .		257	259	212	1,233	819
Total left . . . . .	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,900	30,574	31,527

\* Actual count. † To East Boston.

NOTE. There have been perhaps since the last actual count in 1857, about sixty or seventy volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as "unaccounted for," but may reappear.

## APPENDIX IV.

## SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are now boxed up.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
Number at beginning of year . . . . .	4,955	5,146	5,895	6,106	. . . .	6,954
Added during the year . . . . .	714	1,004	847	443	383	906
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . . .	7,950
Disposed of . . . . .	523	345	546	394	234	†636
Total . . . . .	5,146	5,895	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314

\* This number is by an actual count of the volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes three hundred and eighty-one volumes of British Sessional documents, ready for exchange.

† Of these one hundred and eighty-eight were exchanged and four hundred and forty-eight sent to the South Boston Branch.

NOTE. There are also of pamphlets some thirty thousand duplicates, arranged in boxes, and ready for exchange. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges with us.

## APPENDIX V.

### INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
<b>INCREASE OF THE BATES HALL.</b>						
Gain in located books (App. VI.) . . . .	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	
Of these not located at last Report . . . .	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	
Added and located . . . . .	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	
Added and not located at end of year . . . .	1,327	140	294	*4,135	651	
Net increase of sale duplicates . . . . . (App. IV.)	659	301	139	...	...	
Total gain . . . . .	6,605	6,589	6,589	11,349	6,900	
Condemned . . . . .	...	2	...	...	1	
Net gain . . . . .	6,605	6,587	6,589	11,349	6,899	
<b>INCREASE OF THE LOWER HALL.</b>						
Added during the year . . . . .	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	
Less transfers and condemned books . . . .	596	352	231	2,115	1,361	
Net gain . . . . .	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	
<b>INCREASE OF EAST BOSTON BRANCH.</b>						
Gain in located books . . . . .	...	...	...	5,936	881	
Condemned and lost . . . . .	...	...	...	...	50	
Net gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	831	
<b>INCREASE OF SO. BOSTON BRANCH.</b>						
Gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	4,365	
<b>INCREASE OF DUPLICATE ROOM.</b>						
Gain . . . . .	...	...	...	149	360	
<b>INCREASE OF ENTIRE COLLECTION.</b>						
Bates Hall gain . . . . .	6,605	6,568	6,589	11,349	6,899	
Lower Hall gain . . . . .	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	
E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	...	...	...	5,936	831	
S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	4,365	
Duplicate Room gain . . . . .	...	...	...	149	360	
Total gain . . . . .	8,012	8,685	7,775	18,099	13,708	
<b>INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.</b>						
English Books with British imprint . . . .	635	708	625	811	899	1,096
English Books with American imprint . . . .	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206	3,642
English Books with Continental imprint . . . .	104	100	80	50	48	115
Foreign Books . . . . .	539	673	789	487	561	891
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items . . . .	97	...	447	248	480	...
Total . . . . .	2,529	2,826	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744

\* Includes Ticknor Library.



## APPENDIX VI.

## VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.
May . . . . .	758	.....	727	455
June . . . . .	599	.....	489	464
July . . . . .	1,037	.....	492	291
August . . . . .	383	347	520	518
September . . . . .	713	833	378	511
October . . . . .	866	697	546	295
November . . . . .	443	763	695	*4,528
December . . . . .	639	632	905	651
January . . . . .	626	834	427	611
February . . . . .	563	633	706	724
March . . . . .	521	382	1,001	738
April . . . . .	417	1,175	661	†598
Total . . . . .	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384

NOTE.—These figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1839. The figures for May, June and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the library year.

\* 3,576 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

*Pamphlets.* During the year the Curator of pamphlets has beside assorting the current additions, arranged for the binder 385 volumes, of an average of 12 pamphlets each, and of these 59 related to the Slavery question.



968	601	5	97	XXII.	Periodicals and Transactions . . . . .	314	311	507	445	569	12,311	397	12,708	14,319
144	3,215	872	310	XIII.	Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc. . . . .	998	595	836	617	985	10,955	496	11,491	16,090
5	1,247	49	77	XIV.	Metaphysics and Social Science . . . . .	185	343	429	414	378	4,414	253	4,677	6,055
3	307	13	30	XV.	Jurisprudence . . . . .	145	161	111	112	114	2,512	106	2,618	2,971
65	98	...	15	XVI.	Political Economy . . . . .	79	66	118	75	130	1	9	1,113	1,296
3	66	22	...	XVII.	Medical Science . . . . .	370	556	706	515	365	6,547	669	7,216	7,307
14	124	...	...	XVIII.	Natural History and Science . . . . .	155	170	172	212	191	4,570	331	5,001	5,139
824	90	20	53	XIX.	Mathematics and Physical Sciences . . . . .	312	318	394	449	485	6,292	434	6,636	7,623
4	9	...	...	XX.	Useful Arts . . . . .	96	116	119	102	76	1,200	181	1,471	1,484
...	20	1	...	XXI.	Fine Arts . . . . .	197	205	193	328	252	3,546	215	3,761	3,791
6	...	...	...	XXII.	Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphlets . . . . .	...	...	15	6	5	413	3	416	422
...	...	...	...	XXIII.	Bound Vols. of Manuscripts . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
2,542	11,721	1,970	3,907	...	Totals . . . . .	5,100	6,297	7,475	6,206	7,508	115,272	6,477	121,709	142,286

EXPLANATION. — CLASS III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

CLASS IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

CLASS V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII. — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

CLASS XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

CLASS XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Phonology, etc.

CLASS XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

CLASS XXII embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several shelves.

NOTE. — The above figures of the four special collections exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are entered in the classes of the General Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Ticknor Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

## APPENDIX VIII.

## LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872. To be deducted.							Total, May 1, 1872.
	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, May 1.	Total, May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned.	Total added, 1871-2.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.	Condemned.	
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc. . . . .	1,488	1,569	1,651	1,703	1,753	55	12	0	67	3	11	1	1,805
Jurisprudence and Political Science . . . . .	270	276	280	283	289	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	275
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science.	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,895	1,908	57	20	6	82	2	34	6	1,948
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science .	549	629	647	654	639	17	4	1	22	0	31	1	629
American History and Politics . . . . .	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	6	1	1	8	0	23	1	1,070
Foreign History and Politics . . . . .	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,363	18	5	3	26	0	28	2	1,359
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric . . . . .	2,265	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	81	14	6	101	0	38	1	2,529
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books . . . . .	7,105	8,062	9,420	9,818	10,469	576	534	562	1,672	0	161	705	11,281
Biography . . . . .	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,298	40	12	7	59	0	65	11	2,281
Travels . . . . .	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	42	44	11	97	0	94	13	1,980
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.* . . . .	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,305	3,478	144	246	31	421	2	50	76	3,771
German Books . . . . .	1,137	1,206	1,222	1,246	1,247	3	1	1	5	0	0	2	1,250
Italian Books . . . . .	221	221	221	224	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
French Books . . . . .	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	1,213
Spanish Books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Books of Reference . . . . .	87	92	97	125	171	43	0	0	43	0	0	0	214
Totals . . . . .	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	1,091	834	629	2,614	7	635	819	31,927

\*This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books of course, which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

## APPENDIX IX.

## LIST OF DONORS. 1871-72.

Bates, Joshua, London, interest in gold on the fund of	. \$50,000
Bigelow, <i>Hon.</i> John P., " " " "	. 1,000
Franklin Club, " " " "	. 1,000
Lawrence, <i>Hon.</i> Abbott, " " " "	. 10,000
Phillips, <i>Hon.</i> Jonathan, " " " "	. 30,000
Ticknor, George, " " " "	. 4,000
Townsend, Mary P., " " " "	. 4,000
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	\$100,000

## DONATIONS MAY 1, 1871, TO APRIL 30, 1872.

Donors (excluding anonymous), . . . . .	610
Volumes, . . . . .	4,349
Pamphlets, . . . . .	5,831

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Academia, Lugduno-Batava, <i>Leyden</i> , . . . . .	1	
Adams, <i>Hon.</i> Charles F., <i>Quincy</i> , . . . . .		3
Alden, <i>Miss</i> Mary Anne, <i>Duxbury</i> , 1 newspaper, . . . . .	29	110
Allen, George H., . . . . .		2
Allen, Joseph H., . . . . .	1	
Allen, Nathan, <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .		1
Allen, Stephen M., . . . . .	1	
Alameida, Joao de, <i>Brazil</i> , . . . . .	3	6
Alton, <i>Ill.</i> , Horticultural Society, 3 newspapers, . . . . .		
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, . . . . .	1	
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> , . . . . .		2
American Baptist Missionary Union, . . . . .	2	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, . . . . .	3	
American Colonization Society, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .		1
American Iron and Steel Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .		1
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .		3
American Statistical Association, . . . . .	2	6
American Tract Society, New England Branch, . . . . .	2	
American Unitarian Association, . . . . .	1	
Amiens, <i>France</i> , Bibliotheque communale, . . . . .	2	
Andover Theological Seminary, . . . . .		1
Andrews, Frank W., . . . . .		2
Anonymous, 29 numbers of periodicals, 1 broadside, . . . . .	42	24

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Appleton, Thomas G., . . . . .	1	
Ashley, J. N., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	1	
Aspinwall, Col. Thomas, . . . . .		2
Attwood, Gilbert, and Co., . . . . .		1
Austin, Miss, 138 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	28	
Austin, Ivers J., . . . . .	6	
Babcock, Rev. William G., . . . . .		2
Baird, Henry Carey, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .		2
Balfour, David M., <i>Charlestown</i> , . . . . .	2	2
Ballantyne and Co., <i>Edinburg, Scotland</i> , . . . . .	1	
Baltimore, Md., City of, . . . . .	1	
—— Commissioner of Public Schools, . . . . .	2	
Bankers' Magazine, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		1
Barclay, James J., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .	5	70
Barton, Mrs. L. T., . . . . .	1	
Bates, Stockton, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Beadley and Power, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> , . . . . .		120
Beaman, Charles C., Jr., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	1	
Bellevue Hospital Medical College, <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		1
Benham, Gen. H. W., . . . . .	1	
Bennett, Joseph, <i>Brighton</i> , . . . . .		1
Bigelow, Henry J., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Birkenhead, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library, . . . . .		1
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee, . . . . .	1	
Blair, Prof. Walter, <i>Hampden Sidney College, Va.</i> , . . . . .		1
Blake, Clarence J., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .		1
Blatchford, John S., . . . . .	1	2
Bolton, <i>England</i> , Public Library and Museum, . . . . .		1
Bossange, Gustave, <i>Paris</i> , . . . . .	1	
Boston, City of, . . . . .	70	3
—— Athenæum, . . . . .		2
—— Bethesda Society, . . . . .		11
—— Board of Trade, . . . . .	2	6
—— Children's Hospital, . . . . .		1
—— Gas Light Company, . . . . .	2	
—— Home for Aged Men, 867 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	197	29
—— Mattapan Literary Association, 1 MS. . . . .	1471	19
—— Mercantile Library Association, . . . . .		1
—— Port and Seaman's Aid Society, . . . . .		1
—— Provident Association, . . . . .		2
—— St. Stephen's Chapel, . . . . .		3
—— Temporary Home for the Destitute, . . . . .		1
—— Young Women's Christian Association, . . . . .		1
Boston and Albany Railroad Library, . . . . .		2
Both, Carl, <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Bowditch, Henry L., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .		5
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> , . . . . .		1
Boyd, David F., <i>New Orleans, La.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Bradford, George P., . . . . .	3	8
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., . . . . .	4	1
Brady, William, <i>Houston, Texas</i> , . . . . .	1	
Brennecke, Dr. W., <i>Posen, Prussia</i> , . . . . .	1	
Brewer, Gardner, 1 oil painting, . . . . .	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	3	1
Bridgeman, Alfred, and Son, <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		2
Briggs and Brother, <i>Rochester, N. Y.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Brighton, Town of, . . . . .		2
—— Holton Library, . . . . .	3	
Brincklé, J. Gordon, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Brinton, D. G., <i>M. D., Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .		4
Briscoe, J. J., Executor of, <i>West Surrey, England</i> , . . . . .	1	
British and Foreign Unitarian Association, <i>London</i> , . . . . .	2	
British Museum, <i>London</i> , . . . . .	8	2
Brookline Public Library, . . . . .		1
Brooklyn, N. Y. Mercantile Library Association, . . . . .		4
Brown, Prof. George W., <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> , . . . . .		1
Brown, J. C. J., . . . . .	125	
Brown, Orren L., . . . . .		1
Brown, Rev. S. R., <i>Yokohama, Japan</i> , . . . . .	1	
Brown, William M., . . . . .	1	
Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , . . . . .		1
Bryant, H. W., <i>Portland, Me.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Buccellati, Dr. Antonio, <i>Paria, Italy</i> , . . . . .	1	1
Buck, David, . . . . .	1	
Buffalo, N. Y. Board of Trade, . . . . .		1
—— University, . . . . .		4
Bunker Hill Monument Association, <i>Charlestown</i> , . . . . .	1	
Burbank, Edwin C., <i>Medford</i> , . . . . .	1	
Burgess, George, <i>London</i> , Bequeathed by Sir Anthony C. Sterling, . . . . .	1	
Burritt, Eliza, <i>New Britain, Conn.</i> , . . . . .		1
Burroughs, Rev. Henry, . . . . .	1	
Buswell, Edwin S., . . . . .	1	
Butler Hospital for the Insane, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , . . . . .		1
Buteux, Rev. S., . . . . .	2	
Campbell, Loomis J., . . . . .	1	
Capen, Barnard, . . . . .	1	
Capen, John, . . . . .		1
Capen, Nahum, . . . . .	1	
Centro, Robert R., . . . . .	1	
Chamberlain, David, . . . . .	1	
Chandler, Horace P., 24 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	4	
Chandler, Col. J. G., . . . . .	1	
Chapman, George A., . . . . .	6	
Charlestown, City of, . . . . .	1	
—— Public Library, . . . . .		1
Cheever, David W., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .		2
Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade, . . . . .	1	
—— Medical College, . . . . .		1
—— Reform School, . . . . .		3
Christern, F. W., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	7	9
Christian Register Association, . . . . .	1	
Cincinnati, Ohio. Mercantile Library Association, . . . . .		1
—— Public Library, 5 maps, . . . . .	2	1
Claghorn, James L., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , . . . . .		3
Clapp, Herbert C., . . . . .	1	
Clark, Henry G., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Clark, William A., . . . . .	1	
Clarke, <i>Rev. Dorus, D.D.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Clarke, Edward H., <i>M.D.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Clarke, M. E., . . . . .	1	
Clarke, Robert, and Co., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> , . . . . .	1	6
Collar, William C., . . . . .		1
Collins and M'Leester, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , 4 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .		
Colten, G. W., and C. B., and Co., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		3
Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		3
Conant, Caleb A., . . . . .	14	
Coolidge, Algernon, <i>M. D.</i> , 45 numbers of periodicals, 10 newspapers, . . . . .	87	36
Cowdin, Elliot C., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	1	
Cowley, Charles, . . . . .		1
Crestadoro, A., <i>Ph. D.</i> , <i>Manchester, England</i> , . . . . .	1	
Crosby, Sumner, . . . . .	2	
Cupples, Joseph G., . . . . .	2	9
Curtis, <i>Hon. George T.</i> , <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	1	
Curtis, Thomas W., <i>Quincy</i> , . . . . .	1	1
Cutter, Charles A., . . . . .		5
Dalton, John C., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	1	1
Dana, Israel T., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Portland, Me.</i> , . . . . .		2
Dana, <i>Hon. Richard H. Jr.</i> , . . . . .		3
Danforth, John, <i>Lynnfield Centre</i> , . . . . .		10
Davis, <i>Hon. J. C. V.</i> , <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .	7	12
Davis, <i>Mrs. Paulina W.</i> , <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Davis, Thomas W., 13 engraved plans, . . . . .		
Dennet, William H., . . . . .	2	2
Derby, George, <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	22	
Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Public Library, . . . . .		2
Dentscher medicinischer Verein, 4 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	5	
De Voe, Edwin, <i>Charlestown</i> , . . . . .	2	
Dexter, John H., 1 engraving, . . . . .		
Dexter, William S., . . . . .	88	6
Dix, <i>Miss D. L.</i> , <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Doliber, Thomas, . . . . .	2	14
Donahoe, Patrick, . . . . .	1	
Dowse, J., <i>Jr.</i> , <i>Sherborn</i> , . . . . .		2
Drowne, <i>Rev. T. Stafford, D. D.</i> , <i>Brookline, N. Y.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Duane, William, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , 1 lithograph, . . . . .	1	
Duren, Elnathan F., <i>Bangor, Me.</i> , . . . . .		1
Dux, Gustav, . . . . .	1	
Eastern Railroad Company, . . . . .		2
Eclectic Medical College, <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		1
Edes, Harry H., <i>Charlestown</i> , . . . . .	1	
Eliot, John F., 16 broadsides, . . . . .	1	
Elliot, J., <i>Wolverhampton, England</i> , . . . . .	1	
Emerson, <i>Hon. George B.</i> , 86 numbers of periodicals, 1 map, . . . . .	54	641
Emigrant Union, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> , . . . . .		5
Espinassous, Alphonse d', <i>Salinelles, France</i> , . . . . .	1	
Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> , . . . . .	3	2
Estes, Edwin C., <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> , . . . . .	1	



DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Evans, Mrs. Lucy D., <i>Duxbury</i> , . . . . .	11	3
Everett, Percival L., 77 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	7	12
Fall River, R. I., Public Library, . . . . .		1
Fielding and Son, 4 framed photographs, . . . . .		
Finotti, Rev. Joseph M., <i>Brookline</i> , . . . . .	3	
Fisher, Theodore W., <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Fitchburg Railroad Company, . . . . .		1
Flügel, Dr. Felix, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> , 12 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	1	13
Foote, Rev. Henry W., 2 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .		1
Ford, William E., . . . . .		1
Forstemann, Dr. E. W., <i>Dresden, Saxony</i> , . . . . .	2	
Foster, Joseph, <i>Portsmouth, N. H.</i> , . . . . .		3
Franklin County Agricultural Society, <i>Greenfield</i> , . . . . .		2
Frazar, Mrs. Maria W., <i>Duxbury</i> , . . . . .	13	34
Freke, Henry, <i>M. D., Dublin, Ireland</i> , . . . . .		1
French, Jonathan, 13 plans of real estate, . . . . .		
Gaffield, Thomas, . . . . .	1	
Galveston Texas, Mercantile Library, . . . . .		3
Gannett, Rev. William C., 193 numbers of periodicals, 59 maps and broadsides, and 1 engraving, . . . . .	394	976
Garrison, Wendell P., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		2
Genealogical Registry of the United States, <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .		2
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, <i>N. York City</i> , . . . . .		2
General Theological Library, . . . . .		2
Genin, John N., <i>New York City</i> , . . . . .	1	
George, W. S., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> , . . . . .	10	
Georgia Historical Society, <i>Savannah, Ga.</i> , . . . . .	1	1
Gilman, Arthur, <i>Lee</i> , . . . . .	1	
Gilman, John H., <i>M. D., Lowell</i> , . . . . .		1
Gould, Prof. B. A., <i>Córdoba, Argentine Republic</i> , . . . . .		1
Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, . . . . .	1	
Gray, Hon. John C., 78 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	162	28
Gray, W. H., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> , . . . . .		1
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents, . . . . .	92	
Green, J. Orne, <i>M. D.</i> , . . . . .	7	
Green, Rev. Orion, . . . . .		1
Green, Samuel A., <i>M. D.</i> , 5 broadsides, 1 newspaper, 1 print, 1 bookplate, . . . . .	9	86
Greene, Rev. J. S. C., <i>Brookline</i> , . . . . .		28
Greenleaf, A. W., <i>Newburyport</i> , . . . . .		3
Greenough, William W., . . . . .	5	106
Griffin, Prof. Nath. H., <i>Williamstown</i> , . . . . .		1
Griscon, R. D., <i>Reading, Pa.</i> , 1 newspaper, 2 circulars, . . . . .		15
Guild, Curtis, and Co., . . . . .		9
Guild, R. A., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> , . . . . .		
Haitian Embassy, Secretary, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .	2	
Hale, Hon. Charles, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Hale, George S., . . . . .	2	1
Hanover, College, <i>Hanover, Ind.</i> , . . . . .		1
Harding, William P., . . . . .	12	
Hart, Charles H., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> , 3 engraved portraits, . . . . .		5
Hartford, Conn., Young Men's Institute, . . . . .		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Harvard College, <i>Cambridge</i> , . . . . .		2
——— Class of 1864, . . . . .		1
——— Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, 2 plates, . . . . .	1	8
——— Peabody Museum, . . . . .		1
Haskell, Daniel N., 18 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .	4	128
Haskins, Ralph, 1 plan, . . . . .		
Hatch, Samuel, and Co., 64 plans, . . . . .		
Haverford College, <i>Haverford, Pa.</i> , . . . . .		1
Haynes, <i>Prof.</i> Henry W., <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> , . . . . .		1
Heinzen, Karl, . . . . .	4	2
Henry, <i>Prof.</i> Joseph, <i>Smithsonian Institution, Wash- ington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .		1
Higginson, <i>Col.</i> Thomas W., <i>Newport, R. I.</i> , . . . . .	1	
Hill, C. H., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> , . . . . .		1
Hill, Hamilton A., 6 broadsides, . . . . .		
Hillard, <i>Hon.</i> George S., . . . . .	1	
Hingham Agricultural and Horticultural Society, . . . . .		1
Hobart College, <i>Geneva, N. Y.</i> , . . . . .		1
Hodges, <i>Rev.</i> Richard M., <i>Cambridge</i> , . . . . .	1	
Holland, <i>Rev.</i> Frederick W., <i>Cambridge</i> , . . . . .		3
Holmes, <i>Prof.</i> Oliver W., . . . . .	18	
Homes, Henry A., <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> , . . . . .		1
Horton, S. D., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> , newspaper cutting, . . . . .		
Hyren, Frederick, . . . . .	2	
Illinois College, <i>Jacksonville, Ill.</i> , . . . . .		1
Indiana Inst. for the Education of the Blind, <i>Indianapolis</i> , . . . . .		5
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Williams College, <i>Williamstown</i> , . . . . .		1
Williams Review, The, Editors, <i>Williamstown</i> , 9 numbers of periodicals, . . . . .		
Wilson, Hon. Henry, <i>Natick</i> , . . . . .	11	



DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Wilson, Henry W., 1 plan, . . . . .		
Wilstach, Baldwin, and Co., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> , . . . . .		17
Winchell, <i>Rev.</i> Rensselaer, . . . . .	7	9
Winchendon. Public Library, . . . . .		2
Winchester, Caleb T., Librarian of Wesleyan University, <i>Middletown, Conn.</i> , . . . . .		1
Winslow, <i>Mrs.</i> Ellen A., . . . . .	10	
Winsor, Justin, . . . . .	12	15
Winthrop, <i>Hon.</i> Robert C., . . . . .		61
Wisconsin, State of, . . . . .	1	
——— Historical Society, 1 newspaper slip, . . . . .	4	8
——— Institution for the Education of the Blind, <i>Janesville</i> , ——— Office of the Secretary of State, . . . . .	1	1
Woburn, Town of, . . . . .	1	2
Woodman, Cyrus, <i>Cambridge</i> , 1 map, . . . . .	1	
Woodward, Joseph T., <i>Augusta, Me.</i> , . . . . .		2
Worcester, City of, . . . . .		1
——— Free Public Library, . . . . .		2
Worthington, Flanders, and Co., . . . . .	1	
Württembergischer Thierschutzverein, <i>Stuttgart, Wurttemberg</i> , . . . . .	1	
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> , . . . . .	1	3

## APPENDIX X.

## CIRCULATION.

(Books issued. No account is made of the great use of books within the Library rails.)

Y. or.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.				BATES HALL.				LOWER HALL.				EAST BOSTON BRANCH.				
	No. of days open.	Issues.	Daily Average.	Largest No. in one day.	Date of last column.	Home issues.	Hall issues.	Total issues.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.		Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	
										In total issues.	In Hall issues.						In Home issues.
a1854	142	35,389	250	535	Sep. 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35,389	250	535	...
1855	286	81,281	284	606	Feb. 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81,281	284	606	...
1856	284	82,661	291	647	Feb. 23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82,661	291	647	...
1857	288	89,423	310	730	Jan. 24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89,423	310	730	...
b1858	197	75,570	383	693	Feb. 27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75,570	383	693	...
1859	254	149,468	588	1,335	Mar. 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	149,468	588	1,335	...
1860	257	151,020	508	1,052	Feb. 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151,020	508	1,052	...
1861	274	160,877	587	1,393	Feb. 23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160,877	587	1,393	...
1862	288	180,302	626	1,517	Mar. 1	7,400	10,263	17,663	61	...	...	...	...	162,639	565	...	...
c1863	215	138,027	644	1,534	Feb. 7	5,222	7,124	12,346	57	...	...	...	...	125,681	585	...	...
1864	280	184,035	654	1,424	Feb. 27	7,468	11,057	18,525	66	...	...	...	...	165,510	591	...	...
1865	275	194,027	708	1,464	Nov. 19	10,371	13,000	23,461	85	...	...	...	...	171,166	622	...	...
1866	278	193,892	732	1,589	Feb. 10	9,763	10,438	20,201	73	...	...	...	...	173,661	635	...	...
1867	277	208,363	754	1,813	Feb. 23	13,006	11,553	25,249	92	157	152	...	...	183,714	662	...	...
1868	279	175,727	630	1,323	Feb. 1	17,020	16,854	33,874	121	332	250	161	141	853	508	1,050	...
d1869	284	218,677	770	1,498	Feb. 20	23,203	19,702	42,905	151	307	164	178	175,772	619	1,239	...	...
f1870	230	210,963	917	1,768	Feb. 19	25,996	21,601	47,597	207	441	191	293	161,631	703	1,385	1,735	163,366
1871	207	222,445	995	1,856	Jan. 28	31,080	34,225	65,205	212	457	242	242	227,579	741	1,413	3,551	231,110
1872	308	380,343	1,234	2,425	Mar. 16	23,159	27,092	50,251	163	286	230	184	248,029	805	1,472	6,217	254,246

a Six months. b Removal of the library. c Ten months. d Eleven months (library not closed for examination). e New restrictions put upon costly books. f Nine months. g Central library only. h If the issues at East Boston be excluded, this footing would be 296,315; and if hall issues be excluded, there will be record of 293,710 volumes used at home. i Open seventy-eight days. k Includes B. H., L. H., and E. B. Branch. m See report for 1868. n Includes books borrowed and returned the same day, on white slips, as shown in Appendix XI.

## APPENDIX XI.

## LOWER HALL.

Books returned for each month. (Books issued appear in Appendix X.)

Months.	1867-8. (11 mos.)		1868-9. (11 mos.)		1869-70. (9 mos.)		1870-1.				1871-2.			
	Total.		Total.		Total.		House use.	Hall use (white).	Hall use (green).	Total.	House use.	Hall use (white).	Hall use (green).	Total.
May . . . . .	13,883		14,258		.....		17,734	571	217	18,522	17,734	571	217	18,522
June . . . . .	12,876		12,520		.....		15,443	597	244	16,284	15,443	597	244	16,284
July . . . . .	11,518		13,091		.....		14,178	583	260	15,361	14,178	583	260	15,361
August . . . . .	.....		.....		19,109		15,078	586	275	15,939	15,078	586	275	15,939
September . . . . .	3,916		8,611		12,779		15,766	691	352	16,809	15,766	691	352	16,809
October . . . . .	10,073		14,403		15,178		18,167	788	453	19,408	18,167	788	453	19,408
November . . . . .	12,606		16,571		17,119		19,114	805	638	20,047	19,114	805	638	20,047
December . . . . .	13,213		19,194		18,721		21,365	1,013	742	23,120	21,365	1,013	742	23,120
January . . . . .	14,497		19,041		20,907		23,478	1,095	707	25,280	23,478	1,095	707	25,280
February . . . . .	16,526		18,794		21,077		22,396	1,245	846	24,487	22,396	1,245	846	24,487
March . . . . .	17,057		19,069		22,798		23,724	1,395	929	26,048	23,724	1,395	929	26,048
April . . . . .	15,686		16,426		20,815		21,620	1,063	515	23,193	21,620	1,063	515	23,193
Total . . . . .	141,853		173,431		161,793		228,864	10,517	6,217	245,598	228,864	10,517	6,217	245,598

NOTE. — *White* ships are used for drawing books for home use, *green* for one at a time. When books are drawn for reference, *green* ships are used, and several volumes may be in use in the hall by the same time by means of these ships.

## APPENDIX XII.

## REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.		THIRD REGISTRATION.					
			1868.	1869.	1870.		1872.	Totals.
I.	Applications.	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	38,908
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	2,320	993	3,313
		<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	232	232
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	42,453
II.	Applications sent to Police.	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	14,092
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,012	474	1,486
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,350	15,578
III.	Cards Refused.	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	233	202	179	241	267	1,122
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	80	28	108
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	233	202	179	321	295	1,230
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	852	589	404	393	439	2,677
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	117	151	268
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	852	589	404	510	590	2,945
V.	Applications Cancelled.	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	264	1,479
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	82
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	346	1,561
VI.	Cards in use (deducting Classes III and V).	<i>Central Library</i> . . . .	...	...	...	30,150	36,307	...
		<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	2,240	3,123	...
		<i>Total</i> . . . . .	...	...	...	32,390	39,430	...

The largest weekly number of applicants at the Central Library was 202, for the week beginning Oct. 30, 1871; and the smallest 56, for the week beginning May 29, 1872 (the Library was closed part of Dedication Day); and the weekly average has been 128. The largest number of applicants in any one day was 39 for Feb. 28; the smallest 2 for Sept. 18.

Up to October, 1870, there had been a large number of applicants from the beginning of the present registration, who had not called for their cards, and a system was then begun of notifying applicants of six months standing that their cards were held subject to their order for one month longer, and if then not called for the application would be cancelled. Under this rule at the Central Library there had been sent this year 327 notices, and 264 applications had been cancelled, leaving 63 cases which were satisfactorily adjusted.

The number of applicants, who are residents of Dorchester, since January 1st, 1870 (when they became entitled to the privileges of the Library), is 565 for 1870, 233 for 1871, and 295 for 1872—total, 1,153.

Most of the "cards refused" are for reason of non-residency or being under age.

Since the change was made in the registration of fines, March 16, 1869, cards have been retained for non-payment of fines, until redeemed, and May 1, 1871, the Clerk had in his possession 565 such cards. There have been 273 cards detained during the past year.

Applications are sent to the police, when the Directory and all other means of verification fail.

CARDS LOST. 2,493 notices of such were given at the Central Library during the year, and 1,636 were restored on further application.

## APPENDIX XIII.

## BOOKS RECOMMENDED, AND USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED.				USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.	
YEARS.	Total recom- mended.	Already in Library.	Received since.	Persons.	Hours' use.
1854 . . . . .	123	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1855 . . . . .	221	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1856 . . . . .	121	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1857 . . . . .	18	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1858 . . . . .	85	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1859 . . . . .	178	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1860 . . . . .	91	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1861 . . . . .	115	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1862 . . . . .	204	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1863 . . . . .	135	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1864 . . . . .	56	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1865 . . . . .	58	. . .	. . .	182	243
1866 . . . . .	306	. . .	. . .	187	248
1867 . . . . .	546	95	260	197	248
1868 . . . . .	1,120	183	423	269	367
1869 . . . . .	1,178	226	535	361	589
1870 (nine months) . . . . .	1,231	257	448	346	389
1871 . . . . .	1,665	418	549	347	391
1872 . . . . .	*1,576	334	756	642	815

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended" the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended," does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (183+423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

\* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

*Patents.* — The American and French Patents have been placed in an alcove contiguous to the room of the British Patents, and the whole collection put in charge of a curator. No record is made of the use of either the American or French Patents.

## APPENDIX XIV.

## BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.									
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . . . . .	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . . . . .	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . . . . .	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . . . . .	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . . . . .	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . . . . .	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc. . . . .	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
Greek, Latin, and Philology . . . . .	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Bibliography . . . . .	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1
Transactions . . . . .	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1
Periodicals . . . . .	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10
Fine Arts . . . . .	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11
Natural History and Science . . . . .	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc. . . . .	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14
Medicine . . . . .	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9
Law, Government, and Political Economy . . . . .	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc. . . . .	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound . . . . .	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3

NOTE. — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix VII.

The want of a Catalogue to the Spanish books of the Ticknor Library has prevented any use of those books which would enter into the statistics.

During a considerable part of 1872, the first nine classes were partially inaccessible on account of the alterations in the Hall, which has caused the unusual diminution of the percentage of use of those classes.

During the year bound volumes of the Tosti Engravings have been shown on Mondays and Saturdays to 812 persons; 553 ladies and 259 gentlemen; and three copyists have been accommodated.

# APPENDIX XV. LOWER HALL READING.

Class No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1863.			1869.			1870. (Nine months.)			1871.		1872.	
			Loans ret.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Loans ret.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Loans ret.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Loans ret.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX. . . . .	Sciences, Arts, Professions . .	10,522	7.4	11,425	6.97		7,607	4.9		12,602	5.7		15,966	6
2	II, XII . . . . .	American History and Politics .	2,533	1.8	2,082	1.63		2,071	1.4		2,276	1		2,096	-1
3	IX, XIX. . . . .	Foreign History and Politics .	3,030	2.1	3,221	1.96		2,386	1.5		2,702	1.2		2,715	1+
4	III, XIII. . . . .	Collections, Periodicals, etc. .	5,941	4.2	2,461	1.5		2,441	1.5		5,954	2.7		8,019	4
5	IV, XIV. . . . .	Prose Fiction for adults and youths . . . . .	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.35		120,255	78.4		167,601	77.2		173,438	76
6	VII, XVII. . . . .	Biography . . . . .	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.75		4,025	2.7		5,108	2.2		4,106	2
7	V, XV. . . . .	Travels, Voyages, etc. . . . .	3,289	2.3	5,363	3.25		5,154	3.4		6,062	2.8		4,998	3
8	VI, XVI. . . . .	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Mis- cellaneous, Essays, etc. . . .	3,692	2.6	4,550	2.77		5,747	3.8		11,530	5.2		14,815	6
9	VIII, XVIII. . . . .	French, German, and Italian Books. . . . .	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73		3,627	2.1		4,471	2		2,691	1+
10	X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10.		141,853	. . .	164,038	. . .		153,423	. . .		216,606	. . .		228,864	. . .

NOTE. — Compare Appendices V and VI, and notes to the same.

One-half of Classes 4, 9, and 10, added to Class 5, gives 180,199 issues for imaginative literature, or over 81 per cent. of the total issues for the year.

NOTE. — The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

## APPENDIX XVI.

## EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

*(Shown from slips of Books returned.)*

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1871. (3 mos.)		1872.	
			Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned	Per-centage.
I.	10,11,12,19,21 . . . .	Biography . . . . .	669	3	1,104	1
II.	4,33 . . . . .	Collections, Libraries, etc. .	552	2	1,002	1
III.	24,26,28,30,32,34 . .	Fiction in Prose . . . . .	8,593	36	31,937	43
IV.	27 . . . . .	Foreign books . . . . .	27	-1	57	. .
V.	13,14,18,35 . . . . .	History . . . . .	1,096	5	1,819	2
VI.	1,2 . . . . .	Juvenile books . . . . .	6,639	28	25,855	35
VII.	15,20 . . . . .	Miscellaneous . . . . .	747	3	1,256	2
VIII.	5,6,7,17,37,39,40,41 .	Periodicals ( <i>bound</i> ) . . . . .	1,119	5	4,009	6
IX.	16,22 . . . . .	Poetry and Drama . . . . .	2,071	9	2,447	4
X.	3,36,38 . . . . .	Sciences, Arts, Professions .	883	3	2,057	3
XI.	8,9,23 . . . . .	Travels, Voyages . . . . .	1,179	5	2,296	3
		Total . . . . .	23,575		73,839	

There were 965 volumes in the hands of borrowers April 30, 1872.

NOTE. The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether fiction, history, biography, etc., would require. The above table can better be compared, then, with the statistics of the Public School Library of St. Louis, where, according to their last report, the circulation of novels was 52 per cent.; of juvenile books, 27 per cent.; of scientific books, 5 per cent., and of historical and all others, 16 per cent. Fiction and juveniles will be found in each case to be about 78 per cent. of the circulation. The percentage of English prose fiction and juveniles at the Public Library of Cincinnati, during the past year, has been nearly 75.





## APPENDIX XVII.

## PERIODICAL READING ROOMS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.			1872.		
					Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.	Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.
PERIODICALS DIVIDED BY LANGUAGES.										
English . . . . .	141	175	208	220	287	28	315	296	37	333
French . . . . .	39	46	40	47	48	..	48	52	..	52
German . . . . .	27	31	35	34	36	..	36	38	..	38
Italian . . . . .	1	2	2	3	3	..	3	3	..	3
Total, not reckoning duplicates in the same room .	208	254	294	304	374	28	402	389	37	426
Duplicates . . . . .	..	..	..	..	67	5	72	75	5	80
Grand Total . . . . .	..	..	..	..	441	33	474	464	42	506*
BY CLASSES.										
1. Scientific and Professional . . . . .	86.	98	119	128	143	4	147	137	4	141
2. Literary and Miscellaneous . . . . .	68	96	95	96	98	15	113	107	17	124
3. Agricultural and Horticultural . . . . .	..	..	13	13	21	..	21	17	..	17
4. Religious . . . . .	18	17	17	17	36	..	36	39	2	41
5. Illustrated and Foreign Newspapers . . . . .	12	17	14	14	21	2	23	26	2	28

6. Commercial . . . . .	9	9	11	11	20	1	21	22	..	22
7. Fashion . . . . .	6	6	8	8	8	2	10	9	5	14
8. Illustrated Comic Magazines . . . . .	3	3	5	5	4	..	4	4	1	5
9. Juveniles . . . . .	3	4	8	8	11	3	14	14	5	19
10. Fine Arts . . . . .	3	4	4	4	12	1	13	14	1	15
Total, excluding duplicates . . . . .	298	254	294	304	374	28	402	389	37	426
STATISTICS OF USE.										
Number of days open . . . . .	289	340	4299	4220	397	130	..	398	398	308
Readers of Periodicals, males    . . . . .	59,846	70,452	84,329	103,699	156,717	9,377	166,094	141,975	12,716	154,692
Readers of Periodicals, females    . . . . .	4,438	4,427	5,225	13,593	26,397	956	27,323	15,092	1,735	16,827
Total readers . . . . .	55,284	\$76,802	\$91,674	117,292	183,084	10,333	193,417	157,068	14,451	171,519
Daily average readers . . . . .	191	256	306	510	596	79	675	510	47	557
Magazines read, total . . . . .	81,783	88,624	136,122	142,962	243,169	25,981	269,150	227,958	23,201	254,159
Magazines read, daily average . . . . .	283	293	455	622	792	200	902	740	85	825

\* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List published during the year.

+ Eleven months and no vacation.

+ Nine months.

§ This includes for 1869, 2,120, and for 1878, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made.

|| This proportion between male and female readers is not fully trustworthy. The distinction is made in the count by means of the feminine names on the slips signed by the applicants, but when the signature gives only initials, this means of distinction often fails.

NOTE. The Reading Room of the South Boston Branch was opened with 25 periodicals, April 22, and up to and including April 30, 1,194 persons had used 2,943 periodicals, figures which are not included in the above table.

## APPENDIX XVIII.

## PERIODICALS OF WHICH DUPLICATES ARE TAKEN.

TITLES.	COPIES TAKEN.		TOTAL.
	Central R. R.	E. B. R. R.	
American Artisan . . . . .	2	..	2
Appleton's Journal . . . . .	3	..	3
Army and Navy Journal . . . . .	2	..	2
Atlantic Monthly . . . . .	5	..	5
Boston Journal of Chemistry . . . . .	2	..	2
Boys of England . . . . .	2	..	2
Catholic World . . . . .	2	..	2
Dwight's Journal of Music . . . . .	2	..	2
Every Saturday . . . . .	4	2	6
Galaxy . . . . .	3	..	3
Godey's Lady's Book . . . . .	4	..	4
Good Words for the Young . . . . .	2	..	2
Harper's Bazar . . . . .	4	..	4
"    Monthly . . . . .	11	..	11
"    Weekly . . . . .	6	2	8
Illustrated London News . . . . .	2	..	2
Lippincott's Magazine . . . . .	2	..	2
Little Corporal . . . . .	2	..	2
Merry's Museum . . . . .	4	..	4
Nation . . . . .	2	..	2
North American Review . . . . .	2	..	2
Old and New . . . . .	2	..	2
Oliver Optic's Magazine . . . . .	8	3	11
Our Young Folks . . . . .	4	..	4
Overland Monthly . . . . .	2	..	2
Peterson's Magazine . . . . .	4	..	4
Phrenological Journal . . . . .	2	..	2
Scientific American . . . . .	4	..	4
Schoolmate . . . . .	8	..	8
Scribner's Monthly . . . . .	3	2	5
Woman's Journal . . . . .	2	..	2
Copies taken . . . . .	107	9	116
Magazines duplicated . . . . .	32	4	36
Duplicates taken . . . . .	75	5	80

## APPENDIX XIX.

## LOSSES AND DELINQUENTS.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1867.		1868.			1869.		
		Total.		B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.
1	Books finable ( <i>mail notices</i> ) . . . . .	15,652		2,008	9,603	11,911	2,573	10,551	13,124
2	Books returned after notice . . . . .	14,263		1,925	8,554	11,479	2,480	10,133	12,613
3	Books sent for by messenger . . . . .	1,449		83	349	432	93	418	511
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . . .	.....		81	322	403	90	461	491
5	Books not recovered . . . . .	231		2	33	35	3	17	29
6	Books condemned . . . . .	420		.....	257	237	2	259	261
7	Books covered . . . . .	.....		.....	35,211	35,211	.....	23,826	23,826
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . . . .	.....		.....	86	86	.....	75	75
9	Fines collected by messenger . . . . .	.....		\$10 12	\$61 61	\$87 73	\$28 45	\$93 65	\$122 10
10	Fines uncollected by messenger . . . . .	.....		\$7 06	\$42 20	\$49 26	\$7 56	\$33 21	\$40 77
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	.....		.....	.....	\$11 96	.....	.....	\$10 53
12	Cost of mail notices, say five cents each . . . . .	.....		\$10 40	\$65 15	\$65 55	\$128 65	\$327 55	\$656 20
13	Residences known to have been changed without notice being given . . . . .	.....		.....	.....	58	.....	.....	92

APPENDIX XIX. — *Continued.*

Class No.	CLASSES.	1870.			1871.			1872.				
		B. II.	L. II.	Total.	B. II.	L. II.	E. B.	Total.	B. II.	L. II.	E. B.	T. o. t. al.
1	Books finable ( <i>mail notices</i> ) . . . . .	2,607	9,313	11,920	3,698	14,696	396	18,700	2,962	16,061	2,845	21,808
2	Books returned after notice . . . . .	2,500	8,919	11,419	3,527	13,937	392	17,856	2,810	15,261	2,804	29,872
3	Books sent for by messenger . . . . .	107	394	501	171	639	4	844	132	809	41	993
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . . .	101	374	475	157	645	3	805	146	769	41	956
5	Books not recovered . . . . .	6	20	26	14	24	1	39	6	31	0	37
6	Books condemned . . . . .	.....	212	212	.....	1,233	1	1,234	.....	819	50	869
7	Books covered . . . . .	.....	34,639	34,639	.....	51,537	*2,047	54,184	.....	64,894	16,911	81,805
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . .	7	80	87	22	173	1	196	30	266	12	308
9	Fines collected by messenger . . . . .	\$24 75	\$83 62	\$108 37	\$48 88	\$135 19	\$0 68	\$184 07	\$64 88	\$169 57	\$9 75	\$214 20
10	Fines uncollected by messenger . . . . .	\$7 88	\$33 77	\$41 65	\$19 62	\$79 12	\$0 34	\$98 74	\$10 61	\$93 96	\$2 63	\$107 23
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	.....	.....	\$14 45	.....	\$24 76	.....	\$24 76	.....	\$22 26	.....	\$22 26
12	Cost of mail notices, say five cents each . .	\$130 35	\$465 65	\$596 00	\$184 90	\$730 20	\$19 80	\$955 00	\$148 10	\$803 65	\$142 25	\$1,093 40
13	Residences known to have been changed without notice being given . . . . .	.....	.....	57	.....	116	0	116	.....	98	.....	.....

There were 2,639 volumes sent to be bound from the Lower Hall and Central Reading Room last year, and this year there were 3,219, including 247 for South Boston Branch. There were also 596 sent from the East Boston Branch, some of which were condemned by the binder.

\* Three months' wear.

# APPENDIX XX. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.	Expended Oct. 1, 1897, to Sept. 30, 1898.	City appro- priations, May 1, 1898, to April 30, 1899.	Expended Oct. 1, 1898, to Aug. 31, 1899.	City appro- priations, May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900.	Expended Sept. 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900.	1870-71.		1871-72.		Years.	Paid into City from other sources, sales of Cat- alogues.
						City ap- propriations.	Expended.	City ap- propriations.	Expended.		
Binding . . . . .	\$4,067 29	\$3,550	\$5,167 70	\$5,000	\$3,477 00	\$4,400	\$5,221 38	\$5,200	\$5,569 12	1879	\$437 80
Books . . . . .	11,476 75	6,500	12,002 26	6,500	9,435 20	7,500	12,109 68	9,000	14,558 69	1890	450 00
Catalogues (printing) . . . . .	2,004 16	5,000	2,001 39	5,500	4,472 02	4,800	3,423 62	5,700	3,731 85	1891	246 34
Expense . . . . .	1,348 02	1,500	1,578 20	1,800	2,551 86	1,600	1,678 90	2,000	2,487 04	1892	550 00
Fuel . . . . .	193 50	1,500	1,132 00	1,500	1,287 00	1,300	1,083 80	1,650	1,596 20	1893	528 49
Furniture, (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.) . . . . .	1,934 81	1,000	1,506 65	1,500	2,579 65	1,300	1,982 03	1,650	2,012 83	1894	314 69
Gas . . . . .	1,644 46	2,000	1,779 04	2,250	1,493 74	1,700	2,041 76	2,500	2,593 98	1895	385 64
Periodicals * . . . . .	1,665 95	.....	2,561 32	.....	778 01	.....	1,979 63	.....	3,130 08	1896	293 92
Printing (miscellaneous) . . . . .	1,507 07	1,000	1,700 26	1,000	1,414 96	1,700	2,247 28	2,200	2,269 14	1897	504 18
Salaries . . . . .	23,285 47	26,900	22,655 93	28,000	18,646 36	30,000	29,074 00	35,000	34,507 71	1898	507 72
Stationery . . . . .	1,172 14	1,200	812 86	1,200	634 46	1,050	1,363 95	1,400	1,337 44	1899	659 85
Transportation, Postage, etc. . . . .	633 14	750	782 79	750	1,359 86	700	947 22	1,000	1,210 85	1870	996 63
EAST BOSTON BRANCH.										1871	1,150 00
Books, Binding, and Catalogues	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,250	3,889 69			1872	1,472 44
Fixtures, misc. Printing, etc. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,700	2,323 41				
Salaries . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000	1,117 35				
Totals . . . . .	\$50,932 76	\$50,000	\$53,679 90	\$55,000	\$47,910 32	\$65,000	\$70,443 70	\$67,000	\$74,924 84		

\* The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for Books.

NOTE. The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City, and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequent to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

## APPENDIX XXI.

## LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Assistant Superintendent.*

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Principal Assistant.*

Miss Caroline F. Adams, *Accountant.*

## CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Chief.*

James L. Whitney, *Principal Assistant*; Max Auerbach, *Assistant and Curator of Patent Room*; Miss M. E. Joslyn, *Assistant*; J. Otis Williams, *Curator of Pamphlets and Engravings*; William H. Foster, *Proof-Reader.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman, *Extra Work*; Miss Harriet N. Pike, *Ordering Clerk*; Miss Mary McGrath, *Assistant Ordering Clerk*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *Newspapers and Duplicates*; Miss A. B. Loud, *Pamphlets*; Miss A. A. Nichols, *Catalogues for Branches*; Miss Margaret McGrath, *Curator of Public Card Catalogue.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, *Lower Hall Assistant.*

## SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. L. T. BARTON, *Custodian.*

Appleton P. C. Griffin, *Assistant Custodian*; Ellen Stevenson, Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistants.*

## BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH SYKES, *Keeper.*

Charles A. Wilson, Miss L. S. Norton, Miss Mary A. Tyler, *Assistants.*

Charles H. Guinness, John Bresnahan, John Barry, *Runners.*

## LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD CAPEN, *Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Lucy A. W. Guinness, *Keeper's Clerk*; Miss Elizabeth Ross, Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, *Assistants.*

Ellen E. Bresnahan, Ellen F. McCarty, Eliza F. Cotter, Henrietta E. Mack (*extra*), Florence E. Guinness (*extra*), *Runners.*

Elbridge Bradshaw, *Registration Clerk.*

Miss Matilda J. Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk.*

Miss Caroline E. Porée,

Miss Amelia McGrath (*extra*),

} *Reading Room Attendants.*

J. G. Cupples, *Reading Room Attendant (evenings).*

## JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor.*

Thomas Collins, *Assistant.*



## BINDING DEPARTMENT.

PETER LOW, *Foreman*.Andrew M. Blake, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, *Assistants*.

NOTE. — The binderies of Theodore Jackson and Jerome Scidensticker are also employed.

## EAST BOSTON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Miss SARAH C. GODBOLD, *Librarian*.Miss Mary R. Pray, Miss Addie G. Tracey, *Assistants*.Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner*.A. W. Trask, *Janitor*.

Misses Mary Lennon, Martha Hill, Alice Wing, Emma Pond, and Phebe Prince, *Substitutes and extra Assistants*.

## SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Mrs. ANNA C. D. KEEN, *Librarian*.Miss Clara F. Mulloy, Miss L. Anna Baldwin, *Assistants*.Norah McCarthy, *Runner*.Joseph Baker, *Janitor*.

NOTE. — The extra assistants and substitutes are not yet engaged.

## AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee & Shepard, *Boston*.

Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., and Sampson Low, Son & Marston, *Boston and London*.

Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris*.Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic*.Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence*.

## SUMMARY.

Superintendent	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Accountant	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Catalogue Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Shelf Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
B. H. Circulating Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
L. H. Circulating Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Janitorial Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Binding Department	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
East Boston Branch	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
South Boston Branch	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
										—
Regularly employed in the Libraries	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Substitutes and extra Assistants	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
										—
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	65

## APPENDIX XXII.

## REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

*To the Superintendent:—*

SIR,—For the year ending the 30th of April, 1871, there has been no regular examination of the Bates Hall collection, as the alterations in the hall and temporary changes in the location of the books have rendered it impossible. Since the completion of the shelving on the west side of the building the books have, however, been read by the shelf-lists and re-arranged in their proper places. Comparatively few of the volumes are missing, and it is believed that when the alterations on the east side are completed and the library again restored to its wonted order, the results of a full examination will prove as satisfactory as usual. Upon the Lower Hall library and the East Boston Branch, I beg leave to present the following

## REPORT.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves

at the time of examination . . .	5,198 vols.
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Loaned . . . . .	4,402
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At the Binder's . . . . .	340
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Otherwise accounted for . . . . .	429
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—	5,171 “
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Not at present accounted for,—

Fiction . . . . .	6
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Duplicates of Fiction . . . . .	4
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Miscellaneous . . . . .	17
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—	27 “
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Missing volumes are constantly and persistently sought, yet accidents are liable to occur in a library of so large a circulation, and make it quite possible for a few books to slip away without being accounted for.

Eleven volumes recorded missing during previous years appeared on the shelves at the last examination, and nearly all of them were found to have been wrongly numbered. Of this number one was reported missing last year, five were missing in 1868, three in 1867, and two in 1866.

The number of books missing from each alcove, is as follows : —

1st alcove . . .	2 vols.	8th alcove . . .	3 vols.
2d “ . . .	1 “	13th “ . . .	2 “
3d “ . . .	2 “	14th “ . . .	2 “
4th “ . . .	1 “	18th “ . . .	3 “
6th “ . . .	2 “	20th “ . . .	2 “
7th “ . . .	3 “	Dup's of 7th alcove	4 “

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . . . . 1,451 vols.

Loaned . . . . .	1,331
At the Binder's . . . . .	105
Otherwise accounted for . . . . .	11
	— 1,447 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction . . . . .	2
Juveniles . . . . .	2
	— 4 “

I have also to report the following books which have disappeared from the Bates Hall desk, during the past library year : —

I. 13 Burke's Dictionary of English peerage. Nov. 1871.

I. 4 Haydn's Book of dignities. Nov. 1871.

F. 4 Bartlett's Familiar quotations. Dec. 1871.

D. 5 Cleveland's Concordance to Milton. Dec. 1871.

Also the following from the desk in the Periodical Reading Room : —

E. 7 Biographie des Contemporains, v. 14. June, 1871.

C. 1 Burke's Dictionary of peerage. Oct. 1871.

B. 19 Index to Works of Charles Dickens. Oct. 1871.

A. 5 Godwin's Hand-book of universal biography. Nov. 1871.

Respectfully submitted.

L. T. BARTON,  
*Custodian of the Shelves.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 8th, 1872.

## APPENDIX XXIII.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR TWENTY YEARS.

The following gentlemen have served on the Examining Committees for the years given. The names in *italics* are those of Trustees, who have acted as chairmen of the various committees.

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|--|---|
| Abbott, Hon. J. G., 1870.                | Eastburn, Manton, <i>D.D.</i> , 1863.   |
| Adams, Nehemiah, <i>D.D.</i> , 1860.     | Eliot, Samuel, <i>LL.D.</i> , 1868.     |
| Alger, <i>Rev.</i> Wm. R., 1870.         | Ellis, Calvin, <i>M.D.</i> , 1871.      |
| Appleton, <i>Hon.</i> Nathan, 1854.      |   |
| Aspinwall, <i>Col.</i> Thomas, 1860.     | Field, Walbridge A., 1866.              |
|  | Fields, James T., 1872.                 |
| Bailey, Edwin C., 1861.                  | Footc, <i>Rev.</i> Henry W., 1864.      |
| Ball, Joshua D., 1861.                   | Fowle, William F., 1864.                |
| Barnard, James M., 1866.                 | Freeland, Charles W., 1867.             |
| Bartlett, Sidney, 1869.                  | Frost, Oliver, 1854.                    |
| Beebe, James M., 1858.                   |   |
| Beecher, <i>Rev.</i> Edward, 1854.       | Gannett, Ezra S., <i>D.D.</i> , 1855.   |
| Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M.D.</i> , 1857.      | Gilechrist, Daniel S., 1872.            |
| <i>Bigelow, Hon. John P.</i> , 1856.     | Gould, A. A., <i>M.D.</i> , 1864.       |
| Blagden, George W., <i>D.D.</i> , 1856.  | <i>Green, Samuel A., M.D.</i> , 1868.   |
| Bowditch, J. Ingersoll, 1855.            | <i>Greenough, William W.</i> , 1858.    |
| Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M.D.</i> , 1855.  |   |
| <i>Bowditch, Henry I., M.D.</i> , 1865.  | Hale, <i>Rev.</i> Edward E., 1858.      |
| Bowman, Alfonzo, 1867.                   | Hale, Moses L., 1862.                   |
| Bradford, Charles F., 1868.              | Haskins, <i>Rev.</i> George F., 1865.   |
| Brewer, Thomas M., 1865.                 | Hayward, George, <i>M.D.</i> , 1863.    |
| Brooks, <i>Rev.</i> Phillips, 1871.      | Heard, John T., 1853.                   |
| Buckingham, C. E., <i>M.D.</i> , 1872.   | Hillard, <i>Hon.</i> George S., 1853.   |
| Burroughs, <i>Rev.</i> Henry, jr., 1869. | Hodges, Richard M., <i>M.D.</i> , 1870. |
|  | Holmes, Oliver W., <i>M.D.</i> , 1858.  |
| Chaney, <i>Rev.</i> George L., 1868.     | Homans, Charles D., <i>M.D.</i> , 1867. |
| <i>Clapp, William W., jr.</i> , 1864.    | Homer, George, 1870.                    |
| Curtis, Charles P., 1862.                | Homer, Peter T., 1857.                  |
| Curtis, Daniel S., 1872.                 | Hubbard, William J., 1858.              |
|  |   |
| Dana, Samuel T., 1857.                   | Jeffries, B. Joy, <i>M.D.</i> , 1869.   |
| Dexter, <i>Rev.</i> Henry M., 1866.      | Jewell, <i>Hon.</i> Harvey, 1863.       |
| Dix, James A., 1860.                     |   |
| Donahoe, Patrick, 1869.                  | Kidder, Henry P., 1870.                 |
| Durant, Henry F., 1863.                  | Kimball, Henry H., 1865.                |
| Dwight, John S., 1868.                   | Kirk, Edward N., <i>D.D.</i> , 1859.    |

Lothrop, Loring, 1866.  
 Lawrence, *Hon.* Abbott, 1853.  
 Lawrence, Abbott, 1859.  
 Lawrence, James, 1855.  
*Levis, Weston*, 1872.  
 Lincoln, *Hon.* F. W., 1856.  
 Little, James L., 1864.  
 Lombard, *Prof.* Josiah L., 1868.  
 Loring, *Hon.* Charles G., 1855.

Manning, *Rev.* Jacob M., 1861.  
 Mason, *Rev.* Charles, 1857.  
 Mason, Robert M., 1869.  
 Mims, Thomas, 1864.  
 Minot, Francis, 1866.  
*Morton, Hon.* Ellis W., 1871.  
 Mudge, *Hon.* E. R., 1871.

Neale, Rollin H., *D.D.*, 1853.

Otis, G. A., 1860.

Perkins, Charles C., 1871.  
 Phillips, Jonathan, 1854.  
 Prescott, William H., *L.L.D.*, 1853.  
*Putnam, George, D.D.*, 1870.  
 Putnam, *Hon.* John P., 1865.

Rice, *Hon.* Alexander H., 1860.  
 Rogers, *Prof.* William B., 1861.  
 Ropes, John C., 1872.

Rotch, Benjamin, 1863.

*Sanger, Hon.* George P., 1860.  
*Shurtleff, Hon.* Nathaniel B., 1857.  
 Sprague, Charles J., 1859.  
 Stevens, Oliver, 1858.  
 Stevenson, *Hon.* J. Thomas, 1856.  
 Stockwell, S. N., 1861.  
 Story, Joseph, 1856.

Thaxter, Adam W., 1855.  
 Thayer, *Rev.* Thomas B., 1862.  
 Thomas, Seth J., 1856.  
*Ticknor, George*, 1853, 1854, 1855,  
 1859, 1863, 1866.  
 Tobey, *Hon.* Edward S., 1862.

Upham, J. B., *M.D.*, 1865.

Walley, *Hon.* Samuel H., 1862.  
 Warner, Herman J., 1867.  
 Warren, *Hon.* Charles H., 1859.  
 Waterston, *Rev.* Robert C., 1867.  
*Whipple, Edwin P.*, 1869.  
*Whitney, Daniel H.*, 1862.  
 Wightman, *Hon.* Joseph M., 1859.  
 Wilson, Elisha T., *M.D.*, 1861.  
*Winsor, Justin*, 1867.  
 Winthrop, *Hon.* Robert C., 1854.  
 Woodbury, Charles Levi, 1871.

## APPENDIX XXIV.

## TRUSTEES FOR TWENTY YEARS.

The Honorable Edward Everett was President of the Board from 1852 to 1864; the late George Ticknor in 1865; and William W. Greenough, Esq., from 1866 to the present time.

The Board for 1852 was a preliminary organization; that for 1853 making what is called the first annual report. It consisted of one alderman and one common councilman, and five citizens at large, till 1867, when a revised Ordinance made it consist of one alderman, two common councilmen, and six citizens at large, two of whom retire, unless re-elected, each year, while the members from the City Council are elected yearly.

Allen, James B., 1852.	Jackson, P. T., 1864.
APPLETON, THOMAS G., 1852, 1854-5.	Keith, James M., 1868-9.
Barnes, Joseph H., 1871.	Lawrence, James, 1852.
BIGELOW, JOHN P., 1852 to 1868.	LEWIS, WESTON, 1867 to 1872.
BOWDITCH, HENRY I., 1865-6.	LEWIS, WINSLOW, 1867.
Bradlee, John T., 1869.	Little, Samuel, 1871-2.
Bradt, Herman D., 1872.	Messenger, George W., 1855.
BRAMAN, JARVIS D., 1868 to 1871.	MORTON, ELLIS W., 1870 to 1872.
Brown, J. C. J., 1861.	Munroe, A. B., 1854
Carpenter, George O., 1870.	Newton, Jeremiah L., 1867.
Clapp, William W., jr., 1864-5.	Niles, Stephen R., 1870.
Crane, Samuel D., 1860.	Pease, Frederic, 1872.
Dennie, George, 1858-9.	Perry, Lyman, 1852.
Dickinson, M. F., jr., 1871.	Plummer, Farnham, 1856.
Drake, Henry A., 1863.	PUTNAM, GEORGE, 1868 to 1872.
Erving, Edward S., 1852.	Reed, Sampson, 1852-3.
EVERETT, EDWARD, 1852 to 1864.	Sanger, George P., 1860.
Frost, Oliver, 1856-7.	Sears, Philip H., 1859.
Gaffield, Thomas, 1867.	Seaver, Benjamin, 1852.
GREEN, SAMUEL A., 1868 to 1872.	SHURTLEFF, NATHANIEL B., 1852 to
GREENOUGH, WILLIAM W., 1856 to	1867.
1872.	Story, Joseph, 1855, 1865-6.
Harris, William G., 1869.	TICKNOR, GEORGE, 1852 to 1866.
Haynes, Henry W., 1858.	Tyler, John S., 1863, 1866.
HILLARD, GEORGE S., 1872.	Warren, George W., 1852 to 1854.
Ingalls, Melville E., 1870.	Washburn, F. L., 1857.

WHIPPLE, EDWIN P., 1867 to 1869.	Wilson, George, 1852.
Whitney, Daniel H., 1862.	WINSOR, JUSTIN, 1867.
Wilson, Elisha T., 1861-2.	Wright, Albert J., 1868.

Whole number, 56 ; citizens at large in small capitals, two of whom, Jarvis D. Braman and Weston Lewis, have also represented the City Council.

## APPENDIX XXV.

## THE FELLOWS ATHENÆUM AND ROXBURY BRANCH.

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:—

*Gentlemen*,—Under the will of the late Caleb Fellowes, the undersigned were invested with a trust, whose purpose is to establish a library, and erect a building for it, within half a mile of the Rev. Dr. Putnam's church. The will provides that forty thousand dollars shall be spent in the purchase of land and in the erection of the said building. The available fund now amounts to about fifty-four thousand dollars, and the excess over that appropriated for the land and building we are required to invest as a fund, the income of which shall be available for the purchase of books; and to this will be added, when the building is completed, a further sum of about thirty thousand dollars, which will then be paid to us by the executors under the will of the late Mrs. Fellowes.

We deem it for the interest of all concerned that the advantages of these funds shall be joined with such others as may accrue from the provisions to be made for the benefit of the District of Roxbury, in the way of a Branch of the Public Library.

To that end we respectfully request that we may be allowed a hearing before the appropriate committee of the City Council; and further request that the Trustees of the Public Library be invited to attend.

In behalf of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum,

GEORGE PUTNAM,  
*President.*

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, December 26, 1871.

The Committee on the Public Library, to whom was referred the foregoing communication from the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, having carefully considered the subject, would respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

For the Committee,

GEORGE D. RICKER,  
*Chairman pro tem.*



*Ordered*, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to sign, seal, and deliver the Indenture (a copy of which is appended hereto) between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury, for joint action in the establishment of a Branch Public Library, for the territory now comprising Wards 13, 14 and 15.

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This Indenture between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury, a corporation duly created by law, witnesseth :—

That, whereas the said trustees hold certain funds under the will of Caleb Fellowes, late of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, in trust, to lay out and expend forty thousand dollars upon land, and a building to be erected thereon, within half a mile of the meeting-house of the first religious society in Roxbury, to be used for an Athenæum for literary and instructive purposes for the benefit and pleasure of the inhabitants of said Roxbury and of other worthy persons who may visit that city :

And in further trust, to keep the remainder of said sum over and above said forty thousand dollars, constantly and safely invested, and to expend the income thereof, half-yearly forever, in purchasing and supplying books and periodical works for the said Athenæum.

And whereas it is expedient that the City of Boston should establish in that part of said city called Roxbury, and formerly the City of Roxbury, a Branch of its Public Library :

And whereas, the said city and the said trustees can accomplish the purposes of said Athenæum and of said Public Library more effectually in conjunction than separately, and have accordingly agreed upon a method of co-operation so as to bring about a union of the resources of the two institutions :

And whereas, in order to furnish the needful accommodations for the united institutions, it may be necessary for the said trustees to expend somewhat more than forty thousand dollars upon land and building, and in that case they will be obliged to treat the surplus as an investment of which the income is to be applied for the purchase of books as aforesaid :

And whereas, upon the completion of said building, the said

trustees will become entitled to a further sum under the will of Sarah Fellowes, upon trust, to be applied to the purchase of such books and periodicals as the said trustees may from time to time deem best to be placed in said Athenæum, as the property thereof:

Now, therefore, it is agreed between the parties hereto as follows, viz.: —

The said trustees shall proceed as soon as may be to erect a building which shall contain suitable accommodations for a Branch Public Library of the City of Boston as well as for said Athenæum.

As soon as said building shall be ready for occupancy, the said city shall appropriate towards a Branch Public Library, for the territory now comprising Wards 13, 14 and 15, as large a sum of money as has been, or shall be, appropriated for outfit and maintenance to any other Branch Library in said city, and the said city shall pay for the rental of said building the sum of sixteen hundred dollars per annum, which shall be paid annually to the said trustees, to be laid out by them, after paying insurance, repairs, etc., in the purchase of books and periodicals, to be the property of said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum in Roxbury, and their successors in said trust.

The rest of said appropriation shall be expended in the purchase of books and the administration and management of the joint institutions by the Trustees of the Public Library.

All books and periodicals purchased by the said Trustees of the Athenæum from any of the funds in their hands for the purchase of books as aforesaid, shall be put in charge of the custodians of the said Branch Public Library, being first distinctly marked as the property of said Trustees, and shall be subject to the direction of the Trustees of the Public Library, as to custody, care, and arrangement within the said building, and shall be open to the public for reading and circulation under such regulations as the said Trustees of the Public Library may, with the consent of the said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, from time to time establish.

This contract shall be terminable by either party, at any time, upon giving six months' notice to the other party, and, upon its termination, the books shall belong to the party which shall have purchased them, or to whom they have been given; the furniture, shelving, and all other movable property, which shall have been purchased by the city, shall belong to the said city; and the property

which shall have been fixed to the real estate, and any furniture which may have been purchased by the said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, shall belong to the said Trustees.

A suitable room shall be provided by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, in the building to be erected by them, and furnished by the city, for the joint use of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and the Trustees of the Public Library.

It is further agreed that all questions of detail of management, not herein provided for, shall be settled in conjunction by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum and of the Public Library.

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The above order was passed by the City Council, Dec. 30, 1871. The Indenture was on the 29th of January, 1872, signed by William Gaston, Mayor, in behalf of the City of Boston; and, under authority given, January 22d, 1872, by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, it was signed in their behalf by their President, George Putnam.

This was again modified by the following agreement, which was executed in consequence of an order of the City Council, authorizing the Mayor to sign such a supplemental indenture as may be approved by the Trustees of the Public Library:—

THIS INDENTURE, made this twelfth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, between the City of Boston and the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, in Roxbury, a corporation duly created by law,

*Witnesseth:—*

That the contract entered into by the said parties by an Indenture, duly executed, dated the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, shall be and hereby is changed and altered by striking out and expunging from the said Indenture the words “with the consent of the said Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum,” in the paragraph relating to the custody, care, arrangement, reading and circulation of books and periodicals purchased by said trustees; and also by striking out and expunging the paragraph in said Indenture which is in the follow-

ing words, viz., “ A suitable room shall be provided by the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, in the building to be erected by them and furnished by the city for the joint use of the Trustees of Fellowes Athenæum, and the Trustees of the Public Library ”— and the said Indenture shall be construed for all purposes as though the words and provisions, hereby agreed to be stricken out and expunged, had not been inserted therein.

In witness whereof the said parties have caused their seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by William Gaston, Mayor of said City, and George Putnam, President of said Trustees, respectively, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF BOSTON,

By WILLIAM GASTON, MAYOR. [Seal.]

*In presence of*

JAMES R. CARRET.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE FELLOWES ATHENÆUM,

by GEORGE PUTNAM, PRES'T.

Approved, by vote of the Trustees of the Public Library.

W. W. GREENOUGH,

PRES'T OF THE BOARD.

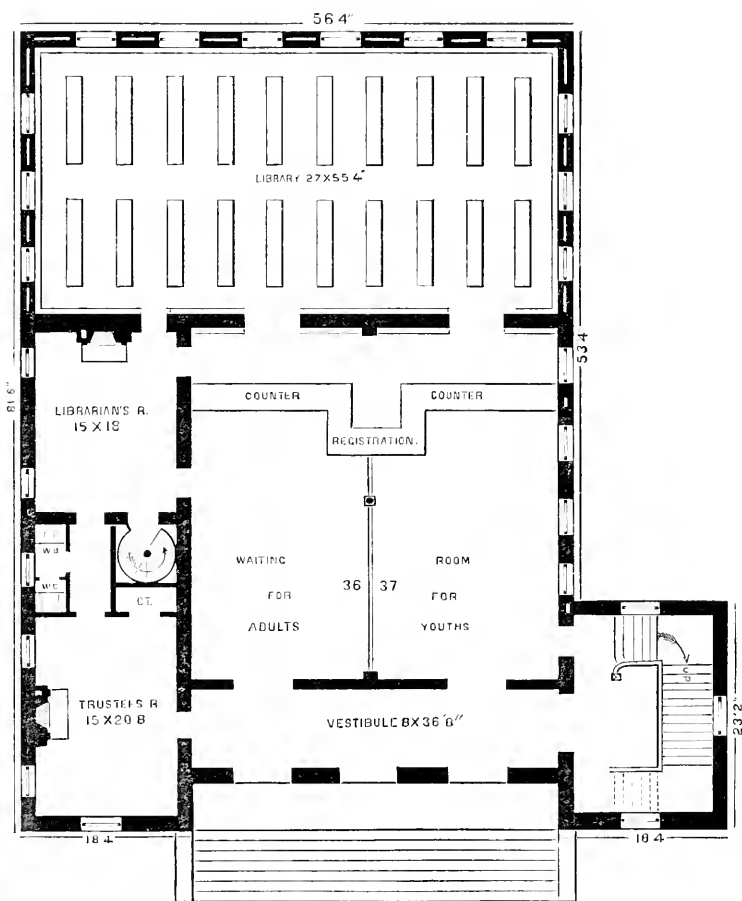
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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANS

of the building for the joint use of the Roxbury Branch of the Public Library and the Fellowes Athenæum, as drawn by N. J. Bradlee and W. J. Winslow, architects. The building is situated on Bartlett street, near Shawmut avenue.

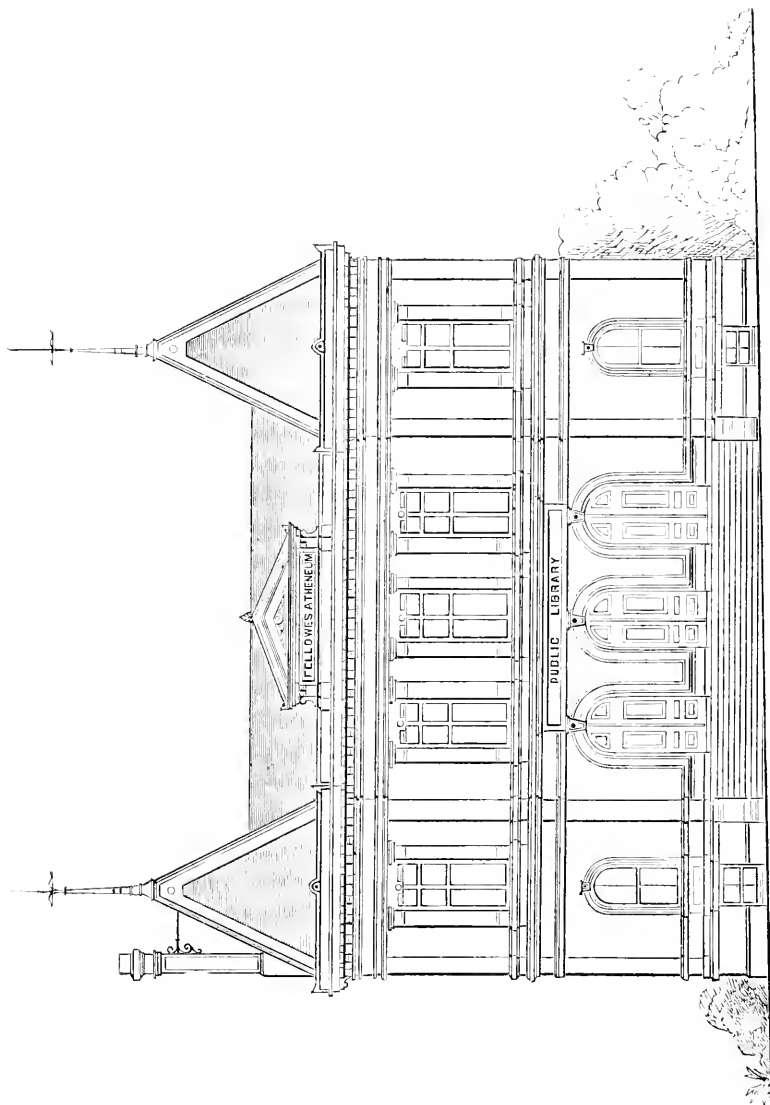
*Library Room.* The bottom of the windows are eight feet from the floor, so that a range of shelving runs round the entire wall, broken only by the doorways. This shelving, not above reach of hand, will hold not far from 15,000 volumes. Twenty cases, or, without over-crowding, twenty-two cases, each nine feet long, double-faced, holding about 1,750 volumes each, and not over eight





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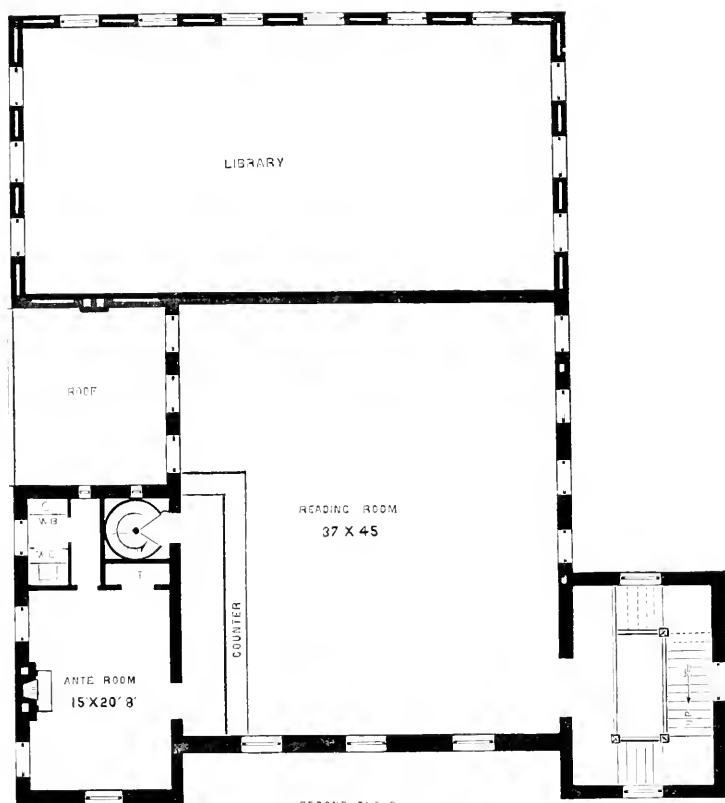




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feet high, will provide for about 35,000 volumes, making the capacity of the floor about 50,000 volumes. The altitude of the room renders it possible, when required, largely to increase its capacity, by galleries or intermediary floors.

*Waiting-room.* This is divided by a rail into apartments for adults and youths, and while but one record of borrowers is kept, the books can be delivered over either end of the counter to visitors on either side of the rail. The wall space back of the counter is to be shelved for the books most often in demand.

*Reading-room.* Public access to this is had by the staircase in the tower, but the official access is by the winding staircase connecting the space behind the counter with the Librarian's room. The rear wall has windows (not shown in the plan), through which the public can have oversight of the main library floor. The ante-room over the Trustees' room can be used for storing the accumulating numbers of periodicals before binding, and as a writing room for students, and for the showing of illustrated works.

NOTE. — Since the above was written, the Metropolitan Horse Railroad Company, having purchased the land bounding the Library lot on all sides except the street side, and purposing to erect stables thereon, the Trustees of the Fellows Athenæum have deemed it advisable to sell to the same corporation the lot on which the building was in progress. Another lot has not at this date [Aug. 10] been secured.

## APPENDIX XXVI.

## PAPERS CONCERNING GREUZE'S FRANKLIN.

BOSTON, MARCH 7, 1872.

*To the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston: —*

GENTLEMEN, — It having been announced that you are desirous of forming a collection of books and other objects connected with the history of Benjamin Franklin, it has occurred to me that such a collection would be the most fitting repository for a valuable original portrait of him, by Greuze, which I possess.

This portrait I purchased some years since, in London. It was painted for Mr. Oswald, British Ambassador to France, who was associated with Franklin in the negotiation of the Provisional Articles of Nov. 30, 1872, acknowledging the Independence of the United States. The gentleman of whom I bought it, Mr. Joseph Parkes, an eminent lawyer, and well known in London for his literary ability, received it from the late Mr. Oswald, M. P. for Glasgow, and grand-nephew of the ambassador, in consideration of valuable legal services rendered.

I take pleasure in offering this portrait to the Public Library, with the single condition that it always shall be kept in the Library, and where it can be freely seen by visitors. If you decide to accept it on these terms, I shall be happy to place it in your charge.

I enclose an interesting paper written by the Hon. Charles Sumner, together with some other documents, relating to the portrait, all of which are at the service of the Library, if you wish to preserve them on file as evidence of its authenticity.

Respectfully yours,

GARDNER BREWER.

## MEMORANDA

*By the Hon. Charles Sumner.*

I first saw Mr. Brewer's portrait of Franklin, in the summer of 1857, in London, at the house of a valued friend, the late Joseph Parkes, Esq., then living in Saville Row. In the summer of 1859 I saw it again at the house of Mr. Parkes, who had removed to Wimpole street.

I was interested in the portrait, and Mr. Parkes took pleasure in speaking of it. He called it "a Greuze," and said that it had always been so regarded in the family from which it came. He had received it, in consideration of certain services, from the grand-nephew of Mr. Oswald, who negotiated with Franklin the Provisional Articles of Nov. 30th, 1782, acknowledging the Independence of the United States. Mr. Parkes thought it had been given by Franklin to his brother negotiator, in whose family it was known as "An ambassador's portrait."

The position and character of Mr. Oswald appear in the contemporary correspondence, especially of Franklin and John Adams. He was introduced to the former by the Earl of Shelburne, Prime Minister of England, in a letter dated April 6, 1782, where it is said:—

"I have had a high opinion of the compass of your mind and of your foresight. I have often been beholden to both, and shall be glad to be so again, so far as is compatible with your situation. Your letter discovering the same disposition has made me send to you Mr. Oswald. I have had a longer acquaintance with him than ever I have had the pleasure to have with you. I believe him an honest man, and after consulting some of our common friends, I have thought him the fittest for the purpose. He is a pacifical man and conversant in those negotiations which are most interesting to mankind. This has made me prefer him to any of our speculative friends, or to any person of higher rank. He is fully apprized of my mind and you may give full credit to everything he assures you of." (Franklin's Works by Sparks, Vol. IX., pp. 240. 241.)

Franklin, in a letter dated April 18, 1782, reported to the Earl of Shelburne his impression of Mr. Oswald, as follows:—

"I have conversed a good deal with Mr. Oswald, and am much pleased with him. He appears to me a wise and honest man." (Ibid. p. 245.)

John Adams in writing to Secretary Livingston, of the Continental Congress, under date of Nov. 6, 1782, said :—

"The English have sent Mr. Oswald, who is a wise and good man, and if untrammelled would soon settle all." (John Adams's Works, Vol. VII., p. 600.)

At the negotiation of the definitive Treaty of Peace of Sept. 3, 1783, Mr. Hartley was substituted for Mr. Oswald, on which John Adams remarks, in a letter to Secretary Livingston, under date of April 14, 1783 :—

"It would have been more agreeable to have finished with Mr. Oswald. But the present Ministry are so dissatisfied with what is past, as they say, though nobody believes them, that they choose to change hands." (Ibid., Vol. VIII., p. 54.)

I remember to have heard Sir Charles R. Vaughan, British Minister at Washington many years ago, say, that on his return to London, and finding the dissatisfaction with his course, Mr. Oswald burst into tears. It is hardly possible that he did anything without the sanction of the Ministry ; but it was probably convenient to allow the burden to fall on him.

From this statement it is easy to see how natural it would be for Mr. Oswald to have a portrait of Franklin.

Mr. Parkes, into whose hands it passed from the family of Mr. Oswald, and from whom it came to Mr. Brewer, was a remarkable person, extensively known in London, full of information, fond of pictures, much interested in our country, with an excellent American library, and with an American wife, born in Pennsylvania, and grand-daughter of Priestley. He is known as author of the unfinished memoirs of Sir Philip Francis, completed by Mr. Merivale, and also early in life of a volume on the History of the Court of Chancery, which Brougham complimented highly in his famous speech on Law Reform, Feb. 7, 1828.

I am sure that Mr. Parkes had entire confidence in this portrait, as painted by Greuze, and belonging originally to Mr. Oswald.

CHARLES SUMNER.

WASHINGTON, 6th Aug., '71.

## APPENDIX XXVII.

## THE BEQUEST OF DANIEL TREADWELL.

*Extract from the will dated Nov. 7, 1863.*

In the ninth place, all the residue of my estate, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named, to have and to hold the same to them and their heirs successors and assigns forever, but in trust nevertheless for the following uses and purposes, viz.: to pay over all the net income thereof to my wife during her life for her own use and benefit; and if at any time my said Trustees shall not deem the net income thereof sufficient for a suitable allowance for her, they may make such further allowance to her from the principal of the said residue of my estate, as shall seem to them proper and expedient. At the decease of my wife, or as soon thereafter as shall be found convenient and desirable, my said Trustees shall divide the residue of my estate then remaining in their hands, into five equal parts, and pay over and transfer one of the said fifth parts to the President and Fellows of Harvard College for the use of the College Library; and transfer and pay over one of the said fifth parts to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; and transfer and pay over one of the said fifth parts to the Boston Athenæum; and transfer and pay over one of the said fifth parts to the Trustees of the Boston Library; and transfer and pay over the remaining one-fifth part thereof to the town of Ipswich aforesaid, for the Library above provided for.

*Extract from a codicil, dated 25th March, 1864.*

I hereby declare that it was my intention by the said Will, to give one fifth part of the residue of my estate after the decease of my wife, and as more particularly set forth in the said Will, for the use and benefit of "the Public Library of the City of Boston," now located in Boylston street in the said City, and it is according-

ly my will that where the words "Trustees of the Boston Library" occur on the fourth page of my said Will, the words "Public Library of the City of Boston" shall be substituted therefor; and that where the same words occur on the fifth page of my said Will the words "Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston" shall be substituted therefor, and my will carried into effect accordingly by my Executors therein named.

*Extract from the Records of the Trustees.*

IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Apr. 11, 1872.

The President presented a copy of the will of the late Daniel Treadwell, under which the Library, on the death of his widow, it was thought, would come into the possession of almost \$12,000. The President was requested to notify the City Council of the fact, and to address an acknowledgment to the Executors.

The Committee on the Library of the City Council reported to that body the following order, which was passed and approved by the Mayor, May 17, 1872.

*Ordered*, That the bequest to the Public Library of the City of Boston, named in the ninth article of the will of Daniel Treadwell of Cambridge, Engineer and late Rumford Professor in Harvard College, be, and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Trustees of the Library be authorized to receive said bequest when it becomes due; and invest the amount received in bonds of said city, and expend the income in such manner as they may deem for the best interests of the Library.

*Ordered*, That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to make a suitable acknowledgment of this generous contribution to the funds of the Library by the late Professor Treadwell, whose distinguished services in the application of science to the useful arts, have given him a high position among public benefactors.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

June 12, 1872.

*Ordered*, That the action of the City Council in relation to the Treadwell bequest be communicated to the Executors of the estate, as supplemental to the resolutions of gratitude already passed by the Board, and communicated in due course to said Executors.













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